

COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning

MEETING DATE: Friday, September 13, 2019 (142 Rawl Annex)

PERSON PRESIDING: Mark Bowler

ATTENDANCE

Regular members: Paige Averett, Heidi Bonner, Mark Bowler, Don Chaney, John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Michael Dingfelder, Donna Kain.

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cynthia Bellacero, Tom McConnell

Also in attendance: Paul Gemperline, Kristen Springer Dreyfus (IPAR), Jeanette Morris (IPAR), Lori Lee, Rachel Baker

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Call to order: 1:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM #1: Approval of August 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN: **APPROVED**

AGENDA ITEM #2: Proposed revisions to Academic Program Review

Unit: REDE/IPAR

DISCUSSION: Kristen Springer Dreyfus provided background/context for this. Considerable discussion followed. Concern was expressed that the changes do not stem from a formal faculty-engaged process, which, if true, runs counter to the stated APR goal of a self-reflective process. Gemperline indicated that the idea was to engage units to think regularly about scholarship and research, and to look for opportunities to collaborate. But what is meant by 'unit' in this context, as the document refers to 'departments' and is used in the evaluation of these. Would all programs in a unit not subject to a specialized accreditation review be what is intended? The use of 'department' and 'program' can also be confusing as an individual might be in charge of a program but not be the unit administrator. If research is at the core of this, the department would be the body considered. It was agreed that tightening up the language around 'department/program' would be important. Another suggestion offered was the inclusion of a research component through standard ECU APR processes for programs that are accredited by national agencies. Brief discussion of how data from APR is used, and how productivity is measured rounded out the meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion to send the proposed revisions back for additional suggested changes as discussed was **APPROVED**, with one abstention.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Proposed Revisions to ECU Faculty Manual, Part VI, Section VII, Curriculum Procedures and Academic Program Development

Unit: IPAR

Representative: Dr. Cynthia Bellacero

DISCUSSION:

The following proposed revisions were under discussion. In the first instance, Part VI Sec VII, A.2 (Certificates) the change regarding certificate programs from 9 to 12 credit hours brings this into alignment with actual practice. Under (Level One Course Changes) it was determined that EPPC is not involved in Level I in proposals of new courses but EPPC should remain involved in Level II Course and Program changes.

- Part VI Sec VII, A.2 (Certificates): ECU offers certificate programs at a minimum of ~~9~~ **12** credit hours at the pre-baccalaureate **level, and a minimum of 9 credit hours at the** post-baccalaureate, post-master's, and post-doctoral levels."
- Part VI Sec VII, C (Level One Course Changes): add **6. Proposing new courses**
- Part VI Sec VII, C (Level II Course and Program Changes): Delegated authority to EPPC and Academic Council. Level II changes course and program changes require approval at the department, college or school, and university levels including Undergraduate Curriculum/Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council, EPPC, **Faculty Senate** and the ~~Academic Council. They require no approval by the Chancellor~~ **(Academic Council)** or by UNC-SO.
 1. Increasing/decreasing degree or certificate total credit hours by less than 25%
 2. Moving a **prefix**, degree, certificate, concentration, or minor program to a new academic home

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to accept changes as presented **APPROVED**, with friendly edits.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Discussion Regarding Department Mergers within Code Units
Unit: Faculty Senate
Representative: Dr. Jeff Popke; (Dr. Mark Bowler)

DISCUSSION: Two significant changes pending within the College of Allied Health Sciences served as the catalyst for this discussion. The first is that CAHS approved a change to the name of their college. EPPC indicated that this falls under the list of changes to code units requiring review by EPPC (Part IV, Section I, Subsection III). The second change is a proposed merger of two departments within the college. Here Dr. Popke sought feedback from EPPC. He initially indicated that in his view this would not fundamentally alter the code unit within which faculty resides. Thus it would be interpreted not as a change to a code unit, but as a change to their unit code, which would go not through EPPC, but rather to Unit Code Screening. Lengthy discussion ensued. It was the EPPC's considered view that EPPC needs to vet and vote on these changes, including College name changes and particularly the combination of two departments - regardless of whether they are coded units or not.

ACTION TAKEN: Two motions were made. The first asserts EPPC's authority in this matter. **APPROVED**, with one abstention. The second motion concerned a request to the appropriate committee to consider changes to the Faculty Manual that would clarify this. Specifically, that Faculty Governance looks at Part IV, Section I, Subsection III.3 of the Faculty Manual.
APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Next meeting: Friday October 11, 2019 1:00 pm (142 Rawl Annex)

Respectfully submitted, Bryna Coonin, EPPC Secretary