

COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning

MEETING DATE: Friday, February 14, 2020 (142 Rawl Annex)

PRESIDING: Mark Bowler, Chair

ATTENDANCE

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

Ex-officio Members (with vote): George Bailey, Cynthia Bellacero, Ruth Little, Tom McConnell, Leslie Pagliari

Also present (without vote): Rachel Baker

Call to order: 1:02 pm

AGENDA ITEM #1: Approval of January 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

AGENDA ITEM #2: New Minor Proposal – Public Health

Unit: Department of Health Education & Promotion

Representative: Sue Raedeke

DISCUSSION: Don Chaney representing Sue Raedeke. Proposed changes include revisions to four courses, addition of a new course and creation of the new Public Health minor. These revisions were voted on and approved by the Department of Health Education and Promotion faculty on October 18, 2019. The proposed curriculum changes can be completed without additional faculty and/or resources. It was noted that text should be included indicating that Public Health majors cannot minor in Public Health. Chaney will take care of this.

ACTION TAKEN: Approved (Chaney abstaining), pending the addition of the major/minor text as discussed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Request for Online/Hybrid Designation – MS Clinical Counseling

Unit: Department of Addictions & Rehabilitation

Representative: Leigh Atherton

DISCUSSION: The ECU College of Allied Health Sciences, Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies requests formal designation of online/hybrid (e.g., over 50% of degree offered online) for the MS Clinical Counseling program to increase the availability to local working adults. The change to this delivery mode will allow an increase in the number of online/DE course sections offered, which will offer more flexibility for traditional students and working professionals interested in obtaining a master's degree in the field of clinical counseling.

Bowler notes that issues of redundancy remain very problematic. However, as this is a curricular action that has come to the committee we must address it. He noted potential SACS issues with this item that Bellacero can clarify.

Bellacero noted that SACSCOC has already approved the institution to deliver programs online above the 50% threshold. However, the UNC-SO must approve offering the program at this threshold. So, if it passes through the on-campus approval process it will still need to go to the UNC System office for approval and at that time will go out to other institutions for a comment period.

Averett notes that others are impacted and there is duplication/redundancy here, but the department put N/A in answer to this question. This is not uncommon, however, among proposals seen by EPPC. It represents an ongoing issue because determining whether others are affected by a change is not clearly defined. Bailey notes that the requirement has been part of the process for a long time nonetheless. The department indicates that there is no change beyond delivery mode and thus did not think that notification was necessary. Bowler reminds that while the specifics of notification are not well clarified, an attempt at notification should be made as part of due diligence.

ACTION TAKEN: Move to approve with stipulation that they go thru process of appropriate notification. **Approved** with that stipulation.

AGENDA ITEM #4: APR Unit Response

Unit: Department of Geography, Planning, & Environment
Representative: Thad Wasklewicz (McConnell is EPPC rep)

DISCUSSION: Wasklewicz indicated that the process went well. A largely positive review was received and several suggestions will be helpful. One of the external suggestions was to hold a faculty retreat, which will not be held, but instead department will re-arrange their faculty meetings to accommodate the need for additional time together as a faculty. Will also put in place some of the suggestions designed to create a more multidisciplinary environment. Their faculty will look at long, medium, short-term plans. Some linchpin faculty are on phased retirement so they are thinking about transition and have held meetings to plan for this. Have also established a marketing committee (ad hoc) to look at stronger marketing of the program. Mentoring was mentioned in the review. This has been informal; department will work to

formalize. A closer look will be given to curriculum, particularly at the number of courses required in the major to see whether this can be reduced to accommodate a dual major. Are not going to create an advisory committee for Geography. There is one for Planning.

ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED

AGENDA ITEM #5: College Name Change – College of Allied Health Sciences to the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Unit: College of Allied Health Sciences

Representative: Will Eblin

In April 2019, The CAHS Ad hoc committee moved and approved a motion to change the name of the College of Allied Health Sciences to the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. This recommendation came from the Dean of the College and from the CAHS Faculty Council. Additional time line and details of the process were conveyed through email. The CAHS unit code amendments, if approved, will include the following change:

Replacement of any mention of the name “College of Allied Health Sciences” with “College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.”

DISCUSSION:

Bowler reviewed for clarification, regarding the college name change, that CAHS requested wants to change its name to “College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.” That is, the removal of “Allied” and the addition of “and Rehabilitation.” The similarity to “College of Health and Human Performance” is the issue of concern, as is the lack of discussion with potentially impacted units. What was noted by the Provost in emails is not what we received. Bowler requested that the originators withdraw the item and engage in a collegial discussion with CHHP and potentially SRPH as well. The dean of CAHS has agreed and this is removed from our agenda.

A general discussion followed. How do you know who to notify for potential impact? Courses in common can be uncovered, but overlaps of programs is not as easy to determine.

ACTION TAKEN: None – removed from on our agenda

A general discussion followed. How do you know who to notify for potential impact? This is not working well right now. Courses in common can be uncovered but overlaps of programs are not always easy to determine. Concern noted. No action suggested or taken at this time.

Also, we are getting requests that are based on the assumption that the requesting department will receive additional money, which is usually not a realistic assumption. Concern was expressed. No action suggested or taken at this time.

Announcements/Updates -- none at this time

Next meeting: Friday March 20, 2020 1:00 pm in 1006 Bate

Adjournment: 1:45

Respectfully submitted,

Bryna Coonin, Secretary

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