

COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning

MEETING DATE: Friday, January 22, 2021 (WebEx)

PRESIDING: John Collins, Vice Chair

ATTENDANCE

Regular members: Heidi Bonner, John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Michael Dingfelder, Timothy Jenks, Jean-Luc Scemama, Michelle Wallen

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cynthia Bellacero, Leigh Cellucci, Ruth Little, Tom McConnell, Jason Yao, Madi Stamper

Also present (without vote): Rachel Baker

Call to order: 1:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM #1: Approval of November 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN: **Approved** with one correction: Tim Jenks removed – not present in November

AGENDA ITEM #2: Final Approval of Proposed Revisions to the APR Guidelines

Unit: EPPC

Representative: Mark Bowler/Collins in for Bowler

DISCUSSION: The only new addition from our last EPPC meeting is some inclusion of diversity language. Collins suggested a change – on p. 2 it has the old language. Section One should Match Section Six. Towards end – McConnell saw three places where the word unit is used – should that still be the case?

ACTION TAKEN: **Approved** with suggested changes above

AGENDA ITEM #3: Minor Policy Changes

Unit: EPPC

Representative: Jean-Luc Scemama

DISCUSSION: Document shared by Jean-Luc from Sharepoint. Bowler had made some suggestions via email. Looked at suggested changes to present catalog language, minor requirements. Bonner appreciates the complexity but points out that the catalog language seems to be for a BA degree. For a Criminal Justice Minor it doesn't work to insist the student take the minor completely outside the major – thereby excluding courses like forensic lab work. Jean-Luc offered several reasons that catalog language needs to be clearer. Jenks raised several questions. Difference between concentrations and minors -- concentrations require students to major in that area. How many credits are too many? Rachel Baker was able to address several points raised.

As is evident in the discussion above, there is still much to come to terms with in this. No decisions taken today. But what happens next time? Bellacero reminds that we have essentially the same discussion each time we discuss this. Collins will talk to Bowler further.

ACTION TAKEN: TABLED

AGENDA ITEM #4: Program Revision: New Concentration in MA Communication

Unit: School of Communication

Representative: Laura Privera

DISCUSSION: Currently have concentration in health communication. About three years ago they started looking to see whether additional concentrations should be available. Now Communication students can take an emphasis in health **or** strategic communication. The Communications Department approved of this change.

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

AGENDA ITEM #5: Program Discontinuation: Residential Construction Management Certificate

Unit: Construction Management

Representative: Syed Ahmad (Dave Batie in for Syed Ahmed)

DISCUSSION: Started certificate six years go – only five have taken it. Have not removed the courses but do not need the certificate. No teachout needed.

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

AGENDA ITEM #6: New Program: Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Park Management/Master of Science in Recreation Sciences

Unit: Department of Recreation Sciences

Representative: Deb Jordan (Cliff Watts in for Deb Jordan)

DISCUSSION: There is thrust in the field toward requiring the masters and it helps the Department recruit quality students.

ACTION TAKEN: Each approved separately – the accelerated and the masters

AGENDA ITEM #7: Program Revision: Graduate Certificate in Biofeedback

Unit: Department of Recreation Sciences

Representative: Deb Jordan (Cliff Watts in for Deb Jordan)

DISCUSSION: Eases financial burden for students. Kept courses that allow students to sit for accreditation.. Nine hours is minimum. Question raised: Can you cover in nine what you covered in twelve? Yes -- eliminated an elective.

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

AGENDA ITEM #8: New Delivery Mode: Online MA History

Unit: Department of History

Representative: Todd Bennett

DISCUSSION: Have been discussing for some years. Conducted surveys that have shown a student demand for this. Working adults, veterans are the target market. Only one other UNC school – UNC Wilmington -- offers grad instruction in history in NC. UNCW program is targeted to history educators. To go online within five years – questions about why it needs to take that long to begin offering. Faculty resources are still an issue, have to balance an undergrad program as well.

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

AGENDA ITEM #9: Program Revision: MSN Nursing

Unit: Department of Advanced Nursing Practice and Education

Representative: Wanda Lancaster

DISCUSSION: need to go from two credit to three credit because of work load. Addition of a new course around substance addiction, increasing program by four hours.

ACTION TAKEN: **Approved**

AGENDA ITEM #10: Program Revision: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Unit: College of Nursing

Representative: Wanda Lancaster

DISCUSSION: Both this and the one above (Agenda Item #9) result in students being able to sit for boards.

ACTION TAKEN: **Approved**

AGENDA ITEM #11: Program Revision: MSOT Occupational Therapy

Unit: Department of Occupational Therapy

Representative: Denise Donica

DISCUSSION: Developing a doctoral degree that is scheduled to begin Fall 2023. In order to offer that program without adding a lot of resources the unit realigned the masters (revised) so both graduate degrees can run together.

ACTION TAKEN: **Approved**

AGENDA ITEM #12: Program Revision: MS Physician Assistant

Unit: Department of Physician Assistant Studies

Representative: Jane Trapp

DISCUSSION: Initiated because there have been accreditation standards changes at the national level. Department also discovered some areas where faculty were involved in teaching but not getting credit for doing so This substantive program revision required much work and effort.

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

AGENDA ITEM #13: New Graduate Certificate: Racial Equity Studies

Unit: Special Education, Foundations, Research

Representative: Benjamin Blaisdell

DISCUSSION: A certificate in the College of Education. Begun originally for graduate level educators. Has a capstone intensive project. Discussion about criteria for success and why the certificate takes two semesters to complete. Blaisdell clarified these concerns.

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

(APR Update chart below)

APR Update Spring 2021

Unit	Semester Year	EPPC Representative	Stage in APR Process
BS in University Studies	Fall 2020	Mark Bowler	URR development in progress
Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies	Fall 2020	Heidi Bonner	URR development in progress
Department of Mathematics Education Science Education, & Instructional Technology	Fall 2020	Bryna Coonin	URR development in progress
Department of Engineering	Spring 2021	Michael Dingfelder	Virtual Visit Dates querying in progress (confirmation of dates expected soon) Self-Study Development
Department of Psychology	Spring 2021	Jean-Luc Scemama	Virtual Visit Dates: March 29-31, 2021 Self-Study Development Additional ERC nominees invited for consideration per IRC's request Selection by IRC to be completed after all nominees' responses are received
Department of Physics	Spring 2021	John Collins	Virtual Visit Dates: April 19-21, 2021 Self-Study development ERC Nominees Invited Selection by IRC to be completed after all nominees' responses are received
Department of Criminal Justice	Fall 2021	TBD	APR Orientation Meeting to be held this semester
Department of Sociology	Fall 2021	TBD	APR Orientation Meeting to be held this semester
School of Hospitality Leadership	Fall 2021	TBD	APR Orientation Meeting to be held this semester
Department of Political Science	Spring 2022	TBD	1-Year Early Notification provided to department/college APR Overview Meeting to be held this semester
Department of History	Spring 2022	TBD	1-Year Early Notification provided to department/college APR Overview Meeting to be held this semester

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

NEXT MEETING: Friday February 12, 2021 1:00 p.m. via WebEx

Respectfully submitted,

Bryna Coonin, Secretary
February 6, 2021