

**Educational Policies and Planning Committee  
East Carolina University Faculty Senate  
March 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING DATE:** Friday, March 18, 2022 (online via Teams)

**PERSON PRESIDING:** John Collins

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Regular members:** John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Michael Dingfelder, Timothy Jenks, Suzanne Lea, Michelle Wallen

**Ex-officio Members (with vote):** Cyndi Bellacero, Mark Bowler, Ruth Little, Ron Preston, Jonathan Reid, Jason Yao

**Also in attendance:** Rachel Baker, Puri Martinez

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**Meeting called to order at 1:00**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 1 Approval of January 14, 2022 EPPC meeting minutes**  
(February 2022 meeting cancelled)

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 2 Request to approve a program revision, Geology BS**

Unit: Department of Geological Sciences

Representative: Eric Horsman

**DISCUSSION:** This allows the department to establish one concentration for professional geoscientists and another for applied research (for those going on to grad school). Questions and discussion followed in some detail. Satisfactory answers were provided.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 3 Request to approve a new minor in Medical Sociology**

Unit: Department of Sociology

Representative: Bob Edwards

**DISCUSSION:** Not available to Sociology majors. It was noted that in 2015 the MCAT added some social determinant and wellness content. This new minor would allow a wide range of natural science students to have a micro-credential in currently desirable areas. Some discussion of the student learning objectives followed, some overlap noted between the Sociology Minor and the proposed Medical Sociology minor. A suggestion

was made to consider a 'double counting' restriction but the decision was to leave the request as written.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 4 Request to approve a new minor in Medical Anthropology**

Unit: Department of Anthropology

Representative: Eric Bailey

**DISCUSSION:** A brief overview of the new minor was provided. New minor is for non-anthropology majors. Clarifying questions were asked about several SLO's. Explanation was provided. Research is conducted inside the class as a class project using classmates, family, or friends, so procedures for use of human subjects is not an issue. if just classmates, family, or friends. These are learning activities, not intended to make new knowledge. This minor is not available to anthropology majors.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 5 Request to approve new Accelerated BA in Multidisciplinary Studies/MS in Security Studies**

Unit: Department of Political Science

Representative: Alethia Cook

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Cook brings the next four requests (Items #5, #6,#7, #8). These were discussed together, then voted upon separately.

The three accelerated programs were discussed first. 3.0 minimum GPA is higher than minimum required. Any concerns about this? How did you arrive at this? A satisfactory explanation was provided. Difference between the accelerated BA and accelerated BS is that the BA requires a foreign language. In Political Science the BA asks for a language; BS has a more structured set of requirements from a variety of subfields. Brief discussion of the research course taken by the BA students. BS students take a statistics class. For most students the decision about whether to take the BA or the BS is made based on the language requirement.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 6 Request to approve new Accelerated BS in Multidisciplinary Studies/MS in Security Studies**

Unit: Department of Political Science

Representative: Alethia Cook

**DISCUSSION: See Item #5 above**

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 6 Request to approve new Accelerated BA in Political Science/Master of Public Administration**

Unit: Department of Political Science  
Representative: Alethia Cook

**DISCUSSION: See Item #5 above**

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 7 Request to approve a new Accelerated BS in Political Science/Master of Public Administration**

Unit: Department of Political Science  
Representative: Alethia Cook

**DISCUSSION: See Item #5 above**

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 8 Request to approve revisions to the Master of Public Administration**

Unit: Department of Political Science  
Representative: Alethia Cook

**DISCUSSION:** Two years of self-study and review were undertaken by the department. Revised to serve two populations of students: 1) in-service and already working, and 2) traditional coming in directly from undergraduate programs. Executive MPA requirements are consistent with NASFA). Executive program will be co-horted. Core courses are the same for both tracks. Exec program is entirely online. Clarity requested concerning what is meant by pre-service and in-service and suggestion is made that this be clarified in the catalog. Dr. Cook agreed and will pursue. ECU focus is on rural eastern NC. Online option will be less expensive for students and employers.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 9 Request to approve new Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Emergency Planning and Disaster Response**

Unit: Department of Advanced Nursing Practice and Education  
Representative: Michelle Skipper

**DISCUSSION:** This is a 4-course grad certificate in Nursing. Focused on eastern NC. Has been considered since Hurricane Floyd. There are fewer than 100 nurses with this certification in the state.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 10 Request to approve proposed Reorganization of Department of Public Health**

Unit: Department of Public Health

Representatives: Paul Vos & Suzanne Lazorick

**DISCUSSION:** Moving Biostatistics into Public Health as a concentration. Moving the faculty and dissolving the department. Questions arose about a new Brody Code or new code for the Dept of Public Health. Lengthy discussion of the status of the codes involved. Department of Public Health worked with Linda Ingalls, who provided a template, and the departed believed they were proceeding as required. Martinez provided background and explanation. She asked Rachel Baker to research how these reorganizations have been done in the past. Faculty Governance may need to be involved to get this clarified. Some disagreement around these issues. It was decided that some additional documents must be included in the proposal. How to proceed? Want to resolve the request before changes in upper administration of the university on July 1.

**ACTION: Discussion tabled.** All relevant, knowledgeable parties will work out what EPPC is vote on at the next EPPC meeting on April 8.

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**AGENDA ITEM # 11 Request to approve new minor in Professional Writing and Information Design**

Unit: Department of English

Representative: Donna Kain

**DISCUSSION:** English Department put together the major some time ago. This major is a BS degree, in already in place, and has students. Department wanted to wait to create the minor until issues surrounding overlapping minors was settled. The minor can benefit students from other departments. Students will create a digital portfolio.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**AGENDA ITEM # 12 Request to approve a new minor in Dance**

Unit: School of Theater and Dance

Representatives: Jeni Parker & Tommi Galaska

**DISCUSSION:** Students who are involved in dance want to stay involved but may want degrees in other areas. For example, they may want a business degree, intending to open their own dance studio. The dance major is very rigorous, so doing that along with another degree is not feasible. The minor also fits well with nursing and movement. A friendly amendment was offered, to add a statement that Dance majors cannot take this.

**ACTION: Approved, with Amendment**

**ITEM # 13 Request to approve a new minor in Stage Management**

Unit: School of Theater and Dance

Representative: Jeni Parker

**DISCUSSION:** Reasoning is similar to Item #12, above. The minor fits well with the School's BFA programs.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**ITEM # 14 Request to approve APR unit response of School of Hospitality Leadership**

Unit: School of Hospitality Leadership

Representative: Bob O'Halloran

**ACTION: Approved**

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**ITEM # 14 Request to approve APR unit response of Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies**

Unit: Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Representatives: Derek Maher, Mary Nyangweso & John Collins

**DISCUSSION:** Interesting discussion of the relationship of logic to math. There may be room for interdisciplinary opportunities for ECU undergrads.

**ACTION: Approved**

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**Announcements/Updates**

- a. **Update on committee charge revision** – Martinez has asked EPPC to hold off on this for awhile because there are a lot of moving parts, including a reorganization involving four schools and one library. We will work closely with IPAR on this. We can start discussing the revision, however. Bellacero will assist as needed. Low productivity issues will be incorporated into this.
- b. Update on APRs
  - History (Scemama) – no update
  - Sociology (Lea) – no update
  - Africans and African studies (Wallen) – no update
  - Political Science (Collins) – self-study is 1000 pages! External review is still to come

- Economics (Michael Dingfelder) – no progress since last report
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**Meeting Adjourned at 3:55 pm**

**Next Meeting: Friday April 8, 2022 via Teams**

Respectfully submitted,

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