

COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning

MEETING DATE: Friday, January 13, 2023; Online (TEAMS)

PERSON PRESIDING: Committee Chair, John Collins

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Collins, Michael Dingfelder, Timothy Jenks, Suzanne Lea, Ken Luterbach, Michele Wallen

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cyndi Bellacero, Mark Bowler, Ron Preston, Jason Yao, Javier Limon

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Almitra Medina, Abby Schwartz, Rachel Baker

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item #1: Call to order at 1:00 pm by Committee Chair John Collins

Agenda Item #2:

Approval of November 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

None

Action Taken:

Minutes stand as submitted

Agenda Item #3:

Request to Discontinue Graduate Certificate: Hispanic Studies Certificate in Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Representatives: Almitra Medina

<https://ecu.curriculog.com/proposal:8172/form>

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures – certificate is no longer needed, change in demand.

The certificate program was created for students who wanted to teach languages at the post-secondary level and needed 18 credit hours in the discipline to be credentialed to teach. There is no current demand for this certificate because an MA program is now available to students. The faculty unanimously voted to discontinue the program and there is no impact on students, the department, or other institutions.

Action Taken:

Motion to approve: Jason Yao

2nd: Ron Preston

Approved

Agenda Item #4:

Request to Revise Delivery of Graduate Certificate: Gerontology Certificate in School of Social Work

Representative: Abby Schwartz

<https://ecu.curriculog.com/proposal:8205/form>

The Gerontology Certificate is proposing to change the delivery format to 100% online to stay in compliance with UNC system policies, and afford students the opportunity to complete the certificate online. This is also important to remain competitive with other Gerontology Certificate programs that are offered with a DE option, or fully online.

Action Taken:

Motion to approve: Jason

2nd: Lida

Approved

Agenda Item #5:

Next Step in Minor/Double-Counting

The policy proposal to restrict minor/double counting developed by the committee was sent back to the committee by the Faculty Senate with a request for more information on the degree of possible impact. The Registrar was consulted for feedback on possible impact, and it was determined that due to the exclusion of cognates, this would be difficult to determine through Degree Works. It does not appear that a campus-wide policy would be a viable option at this time. One option would be to review popular combinations of majors/minors that might be at-risk for double counting >50% of credit hours and contact program directors to request consideration be given to including clear language in the catalog that limits double counting to 50% or less between the major and the minor.

Discussion:

There is concern that departments may be concerned about being contacted with this request without a policy change. It was noted that this is not a requirement, rather a request. The committee also considered that it may be up to the curriculum committees to prevent this from occurring at the point of origin as the retrospective request for revisions is not based on an approved policy.

Action Taken:

John will review a list of minor/majors to determine if there are existing examples of double counting more than 50% of credit hours. He will draft a request to those BS programs without a policy restricting the double counting of credit hours between majors/minor to request consideration of adopting a policy that prevents doubling counting >50% credits between major/minors.

Agenda Item #6:

APR updates/Select representative for Dance APR

Select EPPC Representative for Dance BFA APR (fall 2023): Lida Cope

APR Updates

Michele Wallen: The African and African American Studies site visit was held on October 31-November 2, 2022, with the exit review concluding the visit on November 2. The External Review Committee Report was received from Drs. Melinda Kane, Staci Perryman-Clark, and Kiesha Warren-Gordon and provided to the program on December 19, 2022. The usual timetable for review and response to the ERC's recommendations is one month. However, with consideration of the winter break, the program will have until Friday, February 3, 2023.

Ken Luterbach: Adult Education has revised their self-study and it has been returned to the committee. The exit meeting is planned for January 26th.

Michael Dingfielder: Economics received the report and the review is progressing.

Suzanne Lea: Program reviewers for Human Development and Family Science Academic received the self-study and the site visit is planned for February 6 – 8th.

Motion to Adjourn: Jason Yao
2nd: Suzanne Lea
Approved

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM

NEXT MEETING: 1:00 PM February 10, 2023

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Request to deliver existing UG degree program (Psychology, BA) in a new delivery mode (online) by the Department of Psychology

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Wallen, Secretary (wallenm@ecu.edu)