



Educational Policies Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, 19 May 2014

Ex-Officio Members present: Faculty Senate Chair Paul A. Farrell; Deans Sonia Alemagno, James L. Blank, James K. Bracken, Barbara A. Broome, John R. Crawford, Donald F. Palmer, Eboni J. Pringle (represented by Assistant Dean Charity L. Snyder), Robert G. Sines, Deborah F. Spake, Mary Ann Stephens, Wanda E. Thomas; Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington; Associate Deans Joanne M. Arhar, Raymond A. Craig, Janis H. Crowther, John R. Graham, LuEtt J. Hanson, Ralph Lorenz, Donald R. Williams, William T. Willoughby; Assistant Dean Elizabeth A. Sinclair; Director Robert A. Walker (represented by Academic Program Coordinator Susan R. Peti)

Ex-officio Members not present: Provost Todd A. Diacon; Deans Douglas L. Steidl, Stanley T. Wearden; Associate Deans Catherine E. Hackney, Isaac Richmond Nettey; Assistant Dean Thomas E. Klingler

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives present: Thomas Janson, Jonathan V. Selinger, Roberto M. Uribe-Rendon, Donald L. White

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives not present: Vanessa J. Earp, Richard Feinberg, Donald (Mack) Hassler, Mary K. Kellermann, Fred T. Smith, Terrence L. Uber, William C. Ward III, Christopher A. Was

Council Representatives present: Gregory M. Blase, Jessie Carduner, Pamela K. Evans, Jonathan P. Fleming, Rosemary Gornik, Ann F. Jacobson, Mary A. Mooney, Timothy A. Roberts, Denice Sheehan, Fred T. Smith

Council Representatives not present: Tina D. Bhargava, Thomas W. Brewer, Kathleen Browne, Michael W. Chunn, John C. Duncan, William E. Hauck, Eric D. Johnson, Andrew Lepp, John A. Marino, Marilyn Norconk, John H. Thornton

Observers present: Scout Nelson McCully

Observers not present: Michelle A. Crisler

Consultants and Guests present: Susan M. Augustine, Julie A. Gabella, Jennifer S. Kellogg, Gail M. Rebeta, Linnea A. Stafford, Melody J. Tankersley, Therese E. Tillett, Whitney E. Wenger

Associate Provost Melody J. Tankersley called the joint meeting of the Educational Policies Council to order at 3:25 p.m., on Monday, 19 May 2014, in the Governance Chambers, second floor of Kent Student Center.

Action Item 1: Approval of the minutes of 21 April 2014.

There were no corrections or objections to the minutes; they were approved unanimously.

Action Item 2: Establishment of Cooperative Education Program that will allow eligible undergraduate students to augment their academic study at Kent State University with an approved semester of fulltime, career-related employment while still remaining a full-time student.

Associate Provost Tankersley explained the importance of a Cooperative (Co-Op) Education Program to the committee. The program would allow students to engage in full-time work-related experience that applies to their major without having to take a full course load to keep their full-time student status. The co-op experience will be an entire semester long, so while students are not taking classes, they would still be allowed to live on campus and enjoy the benefits of being a Kent State University student.

Associate Director Gregory M. Blase made a motion for approval of the item, which was seconded by Professor Roberto M. Uribe-Rendon.

Professor Tom Janson enquired about the 0-credit course. Associate Provost Tankersley explained that, traditionally, establishment of 0-credit courses has been denied because the student would still be taking a course in a regular classroom as well as have a full load of coursework. The co-op course will not carry academic credit or a grade, since the student will be working full-time, in a paid position that will last for a full semester. However, the course will count toward full-time enrollment and the Experiential Learning Requirement. The student will not be paying the regular tuition for the course; instead the student will pay a special flat fee that will be applied to the student's account to maintain full-time enrollment status.

Dean Wanda E. Thomas asked how a 0-credit course will affect the student's financial aid package. Associate Provost Tankersley explained that students will not be eligible to receive financial aid or certain scholarships for the term in which they are on a co-op semester.

Associate Dean LuEtt J. Hanson asked if the student will be allowed to register for a class while taking the co-op course. Associate Provost Tankersley answered that the Provost's Office still needs to look into what the student can and cannot do while participating in the co-op.

With no further questions or comments, the item was passed unanimously by the council.

Action Item 3: Revision of Admission–Transfer Graduate Student policy to provide clarification on the transfer of credit into master's, doctoral and EdS degrees; the transfer of credit that was earned at Kent State University; and the conditions surrounding the transfer of credits (e.g., role of the student, time limits, impact on the student's GPA). Name of policy changes to Transfer of Graduate Credit.

Dean Mary Ann Stephens said that the Transfer Graduate Student policy was unclear regarding what can be transferred and apply to a Kent State degree. The new policy now includes the Educational Specialist (EdS) degree; substantial change is the conditions that surround the graduate hours.

Dean Donald F. Palmer's motion to move the item was seconded by Associate Dean John R. Graham.

Faculty Senate Chair Paul A. Farrell asked for clarification of the total hours allowed to be transferred. Dean Stephens explained that under both the old and the new policy, Kent State allowed for 12 credit hours to be transferred to a Kent State degree from another institution. However, the new policy states that those transferred credit hours must not have been used for a previously awarded degree, and each graduate program area has the authority to accept (or not) the transfer credit hours.

EPC members had no further questions or comments and passed the item unanimously.

Action Item 4: Revision of six academic policies to clarify and update information and language as they pertain to graduate students, and not to change the policies' intent. The policies are Admission–Former Kent State Student, Admission–Non-Degree Student, Course Repeat Policies, Enrollment–Graduate, Time Limits for Graduate Degrees and Transient Work at Another University.

Dean Stephens informed the committee that this action item was merely housekeeping. She then moved the item for approval, seconded by Associate Dean William T. Willoughby. The item was passed unanimously by the council.

Action Item 5: Revision of Placement Testing policy due to the uniform statewide standards established by the Ohio Board of Regents to determine testing thresholds for remediation-free status. Name of policy changes to University Readiness Standards.

Assistant Dean Charity L. Snyder explained that the revision to the Placement Testing policy is to align with the new threshold scores to place student in college-level courses for mathematics, English and reading/study strategies that are being set by the Ohio Board of Regents' state-wide remediation-free standards.

Assistant Dean Snyder's motion to approve the item was seconded by Program Director Pamela K. Evans and passed unanimously by the council.

Discussion Item 1: Schedule of meetings for the Graduate EPC and Undergraduate EPC for academic year 2014-2015.

Curriculum Services Director Therese E. Tillett explained that when the EPC was separated into two councils (2009), the two councils met on the same Monday at the same time, in different locations, with the exception of joint meetings in November and May. That led to conflicts with some members wanting/ needing to attend both council meetings. The past academic year was the first time that the two councils were scheduled on different Mondays, which has caused scheduling issues for the provost and for Faculty Senate Executive Committee meetings.

After some discussion on the subject, including examination of whether there is still a need for two separate councils, Associate Dean Donald R. Williams moved that for academic year 2014-2015, the EPC meet once a month as a whole, seconded by Associate Dean Hanson. EPC members unanimously passed the item, with the amendment for the EPC to meet in the Governance Chambers as the set-up in room 310 is un conducive for a large-group discussion.

Associate Provost Tankersley requested questions or comments for any of the information items, lesser action items or remaining courses listed on the agenda. Hearing none, her request for a motion to adjourn was accepted. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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