



Educational Policies Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, 19 September 2016

Ex-Officio Members present (or represented): Provost Todd A. Diacon; Deans Sonia A. Alemagno, James L. Blank, James K. Bracken, Barbara A. Broome, John R. Crawford-Spinelli, Mark S. Mistur, Amy L. Reynolds, Melody J. Tankersley, Elizabeth A. Sinclair (representing Dean Deborah F. Spake), Robert G. Sines; Associate Deans Danielle S. Coombs, Alicia R. Crowe (representing Dean Mark A. Kretovics), Janis H. Crowther, Stephen A. Mitchell, I. Richmond Nettey, Cynthia R. Stillings, Wendy A. Umberger; Assistant Director Susan Peti (representing Interim Director Jeff W. Fruit)

Ex-officio Members not present (or represented): Faculty Senate Chair Deborah Smith; Deans Kenneth J. Burhanna, Donald F. Palmer, Eboni J. Pringle, Nathen Ritchey; Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington; Associate Deans Robert D. Hisrich, William T. Willoughby; Assistant Dean Kenneth J. Burhanna

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives present (or represented): Professors Susan J. Roxburgh, Robin R. Selinger, Donald L. White; Assistant Professor Terrence L. Uber

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives not present (or represented): Professors Jay M. Jahangiri; Associate Professors Soumitra Basu, Farid S. Fouad, Zhiqiang M. Wang; Assistant Professors Vinay K. Cheruvu, Amy Fritsche, James E. Seelye

Council Representatives present (or represented): Professors Lindsay C. Baran, Michael W. Chunn, Debra S. Shelestak, David (Blake) B. Stringer, Jonathan B. VanGeest; Associate Professor Richard L. Mangrum, Robert Sturr, Jonathan F. Swoboda; Assistant Professors Yea-Jyh (Kathy) Chen, Insook Kim, Mary A. Mooney, Melissa D. Zullo

Council Representatives not present (or represented): Professors Nichole L. Egbert-Scheibelhoffer; Associate Professors Pamela K. Evans, Jayaram (Jay) Muthuswamy, Stacy R. Rose, Athena Salaba; Assistant Professors Jonathan P. Fleming, Timothy L. Scarnecchia, Belinda S. Zimmerman

Observers present: Graduate Student Senate Vice Executive Chair Mark Rhodes; Undergraduate Student Government Director of Academic Affairs Natalia Roman

Observers not present:

Consultants and Guests present: Susan M. Augustine, Emmanuel Dechenaux, Paul E. Dicoorleto, Mary Ann Haley, Joan E. Inderhees, Jennifer S. Kellogg, Nicholas Peters, Matthew M. Rollyson, Kathleen J. Spicer, Linnea A. Stafford, Therese E. Tillet, Aimee J. Van Domelen, Lana K. Whitehead, Catherine M. Zingrone

Provost Todd A. Diacon called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m., on Monday, 19 September 2016, in the Governance Chambers of the Kent Student Center.

Joint EPC Action Item 1: Approval of minutes of 16 May 2016.

Assistant Professor Debra S. Shelestak moved for approval of the minutes, which was seconded by Associate Dean Wendy A. Umberger and unanimously approved by members.

Joint EPC Action Item 2: Approval of minutes of 22 August 2016.

Associate Dean Cynthia R. Stillings moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Professor Michael W. Chunn. Provost Diacon called for a vote, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Joint EPC Action Item 2: Establishment of a Brain Health Research Institute

Dean James L. Blank moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Associate Dean I. Richmond Nettey. Vice President Paul E. DiCorleto explained the proposed institute is a result of the university's initiative to build a culture of research and innovation. The institute will incorporate what Kent State already has related to brain health research. The Research Advisory Committee of the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs surveyed the Kent State community and received feedback from approximately 150 people. Vice President DiCorleto stated that brain health represents arguably the largest area of existing research strength at the university in many departments, colleges, campuses. Plans are in place to hire a visionary director; Dean James L. Blank will chair that search.

An EPC member asked that if the proposal does not pass, would a director still be hired. Provost Diacon explained that a plan B would be put in place if that were to happen, but the council should first address the current item and see if it passes.

Another EPC member asked how assessment would be measured, specifically, the success of the institute, revenue and any enhancements. Vice President DiCorleto explained that an annual review will be put in place to review the goals of the institute. The director's responsibilities will include tracking the process of the institute and report back any needs and changes. Provost Diacon also added that this institute will help with doubling the funds towards research at the university.

In response to an EPC member's inquiry if this institute will be a degree granting, and it was clarified that it will not be offering degrees.

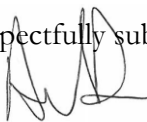
Members did not have any additional questions or discussion, and the item was passed unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Information Item 1: Establishment of Environmental Studies [ENVS] major within the Bachelor of Arts [BA] degree, approved by the EPC on 22 August 2016, will be offered fully at the Stark Campus, in addition to the Kent Campus.

Provost Diacon reminded the council that the Undergraduate EPC approved the establishment of the Environmental Studies major at the August meeting; since then, the proposal has been updated to include the Stark Campus as another location. The proposal will move on to the next Faculty Senate for a vote.

With no further items, questions or requests for discussion, Provost Diacon adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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