



Educational Policies Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, 23 January 2017

Ex-Officio Members present (or represented): Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Todd Diacon; Deans James L. Blank, James K. Bracken, Barbara A. Broome, John R. Crawford-Spinelli, Mark S. Mistur, Eboni J. Pringle, Amy L. Reynolds, Deborah F. Spake, Melody J. Tankersley; Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington; Associate Deans Janis H. Crowther, Robert D. Hisrich, Stephen A. Mitchell, I. Richmond Nettey, Cynthia Stillings, William T. Willoughby; Interim Deans Mark A. Kretovics, Donald F. Palmer, Nathan Ritchey, Robert Sines; Interim Associate Dean Danielle S. Coombs; Interim Director Jeffrey W. Fruit; Assistant Director Susan R. Peti

Ex-officio Members not present (or represented): Faculty Senate Chair Deborah C. Smith; Dean Sonia A. Alemagno; Assistant Dean Kenneth J. Burhanna

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives present (or represented): Professor Donald L. White

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

Council Representatives present (or represented): Professors Michael W. Chunn, Jonathan B. VanGeest; Associate Professors Pamela K. Evans, Catherine E. Goodall, Jan C. Leach, Richard L. Mangrum, Robert D. Sturr, Jonathan F. Swoboda; Assistant Professors Lindsay C. Baran, Yea-Jyh (Kathy) Chen, Insook Kim, Mary A. Mooney, David (Blake) B. Stringer

Council Representatives not present (or represented): Associate Professors Jayaram (Jay) Muthuswamy, Stacy R. Rose, Timothy L. Scarnecchia, Melissa D. Zullo; Assistant Professors Jonathan P. Fleming, Debra S. Shelestak, Belinda S. Zimmerman

Observers present: Undergraduate Student Government Director of Academic Affairs Natalia Roman; Suparna M. Navale (representing Graduate Student Senate Vice Executive Chair Mark Rhodes)

Consultants and Guests present: Susan M. Augustine, Sloane R. Burgess, Sheryl L. Chatfield, Alicia R. Crowe, Larry G. Froehlich, Julie Gabella, Mary Ann Haley, Sanna M. Harjusola-Webb, Joan E. Inderhees, Jennifer S. Kellogg, Tricia Niesz, Matthew M. Rollyson, Jennifer L. Rogers, Therese E. Tillet, Steven L. Turner, Aimee VanDomelen, Thor L. Wasbotten, Andrew L. Wiley, Catherine M. Zingrone

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Todd A. Diacon called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m., on Monday, 23 January 2017, in the Governance Chambers of the Kent Student Center. Provost Diacon stated that Joint EPC Action Item 2, Revision of Name of the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology, was being withdrawn from the agenda.

Joint EPC Action Item 1: Approval of 21 November 2016 meeting minutes.

Dean John R. Crawford-Spinelli moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Interim Dean Donald F. Palmer. No changes, corrections or clarifications were requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Joint EPC Action Item 3: Administrative restructure and revision of name of the Center for Applied Conflict Management [CACM]. The center will move out of the Department of Political Science and become a separate school in the College of Arts and Sciences. The new name is School of Peace and Conflict Studies [PCS]. The Applied Conflict Management [ACM] major within the Bachelor of Arts [BA] degree, the Applied Conflict Management [ACM] minor, all (20) CACM courses and center faculty and staff will move to the new school.

Associate Professor Robert D. Sturr moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Dean Amy L. Reynolds. Dean James L. Blank briefly discussed the history of the center and turned the presentation over to Director Patrick Coy. Director Coy stated that the center's undergraduate program is one of the country's oldest and largest but it is difficult to showcase the center and the program while under a department. A separate school in the College of Arts and Sciences will provide growth opportunity to situate the university comparably with other peace and conflict studies programs, both nationally and internationally, and to be a leader in the field.

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

Joint EPC Action Item 4: Revision of name of the School of Library and Information Science [SLIS]. The new name is School of Information [INFO].

Associate Dean I. Richmond Nettey moved for approval of the item, which was seconded by Interim Associate Dean Danielle S. Coombs. Dean Reynolds presented that over the past 20 years, library and information science programs across the country have been rethinking how they present what they do and what they present is more tied to information than to the physical space of a library. Over the past few years, the school's faculty have wanted to reposition what they do, and they feel that renaming the school will achieve that.

An EPC member asked if there was a specific reason to leave the word "science" out of the proposed name. Dean Reynolds responded that "information" is more broadly inclusive, and the use of the word "information" is the most common approach among the school's peer institutions. That word alone gives the school the flexibility to evolve its programs.

Members passed the item unanimously with no additional questions.

Graduate EPC Action Item 1: Consolidation of Crafts [CRFT] and Fine Arts [ARTS] majors into one major—renamed Studio Art [SART]—within the Master of Fine Arts [MFA] degree. The Studio Art major will have eight concentrations: Ceramics [CERM]; Drawing [DRWG]; Glass [GLSS]; Jewelry, Metals and Enameling [JME]; Painting [PNTG]; Print Media and Photography [PMP]; Sculpture [SCLP]; and Textiles [TEXT]. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 60.

Associate Dean Cynthia R. Stillings's motion for approval of the item was seconded by Associate Dean William T. Willoughby. Associate Dean Stillings presented that this is an administrative merger to take the historical discipline umbrellas of crafts and fine arts and to combine them in to a more current structure of studio art with eight concentrations.

Members did not have any questions and passed the item unanimously.

Graduate EPC Action Item 2: Inactivation of Educational Administration–K-12 Leadership [EAKL] major within the Master of Arts [MA] degree. The major will continue to be offered within the Master of Education degree.

Dean Barbara A. Broome moved the item for approval, seconded by Interim Associate Dean Coombs. Associate Dean Stephen A. Mitchell turned the presentation over to Assistant Professor Rosemary Gornik to provide additional information. Assistant Professor Gornik stated that in speaking with and reviewing students over the past several years, once students who had enrolled in the MA degree program found out they needed to do a thesis, they did change their degree to the MEd. To avoid further confusion, the decision was made to inactivate the MA degree.

The item was passed unanimously by EPC members with no questions.

Graduate EPC Action Item 3: Revision of name and course requirements for the Educational Administration–K-12 Leadership [EAKL] major within the Master of Education [MED] degree. Name changes to K-12 Educational Leadership [EDLE]. Course revision (lesser item) includes moving nine courses from electives to required. Minimum total credit hours to program completion decreases, from 33 to 30.

The motion made by Associate Dean Robert D. Hisrich to approve the item was seconded by Associate Dean Willoughby. Assistant Professor Gornik stated that the word “administration” carries more of a compliance tone within education, as opposed to word “leadership.”

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

Graduate EPC Action Item 4: Revision of name of the Educational Administration–K-12 Leadership [EAKL] major within the Educational Specialist [EDS] and Doctor of Philosophy [PHD] degrees. Name changes to K-12 Educational Leadership [EDLE].

Interim Associate Dean Coombs moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Associate Dean Hisrich. The item was passed unanimously by EPC members with no questions.

Graduate EPC Action Item 5: Establishment of Qualitative Research [C641] post-baccalaureate certificate to be offered at the Kent Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington’s motion for approval of the item was seconded by Associate Dean Stillings. Associate Dean Mitchell introduced Associate Professor Tricia Niesz to present. Associate Professor Niesz stated that the certificate is an interdisciplinary collaboration between the College of Public Health and the College of Education, Health and Human Services. The certificate will be open to both master’s and doctoral students, either as a stand-alone certificate or pursued in conjunction with a degree.

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

Graduate EPC Action Item 6: Inactivation of Curriculum and Instruction–Junior High/Middle School [CIMS] major within the Master of Arts [MA] and Master of Education [MED] degrees. The curriculum for the programs is duplicated in the MEd degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Middle Childhood Education concentration.

Associate Dean Mitchell moved for approval of the item, which was seconded by Associate Dean Hisrich. The item was passed unanimously by EPC members with no questions.

Graduate EPC Action Item 7: Revision of name and admission requirements for the Advanced Practice Nursing [APN] major within the Doctor of Nursing Practice [DNP] degree. Name reverts to Nursing [NURS]. Admission revision (lesser item) includes requiring minimum C grade in a statistic course and allowing post-baccalaureate nursing students to be admitted to the degree.

A motion to approve by Associate Dean Nettey was seconded by Senior Associate Dean Hetherington. EPC members had no questions and passed the item unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 1: Designation of Kent Core status to a new course in the mathematics and critical reasoning category: MATH 10051 Quantitative Reasoning (4).

Dean Blank moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Program Director Pamela K. Evans. Dean Palmer asked Associate Dean Mary Ann Haley to present the item. Associate Dean Haley stated that through a series of ongoing meetings with the State of Ohio in regards to the instruction of mathematics at the college level, the state is requesting this type of course be developed as part of the multiple pathways to college mathematics.

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

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 2: Establishment of Print Media and Photography [PMP] minor to be offered at the Kent Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Dean John R. Crawford-Spinelli made a motion to approve the item, seconded by Interim Dean Mark A. Kretovics. Dean Crawford-Spinelli presented that as a result of the merger of the Crafts and Fine Arts majors into one Studio Art major within the School of Art, discipline-specific minors have been developed. The other minors were presented, voted on and approved at the November EPC meeting. This item was withdrawn from that agenda in order to have further conversations with the College of Communication and Information—in particular, the visual communication and design faculty—since both colleges offer different types of photography. These conversations have taken place, and it has been decided to proceed with the establishment of this minor.

No questions were asked, and EPC members passed the item unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 3: Establishment of Forensic Anthropology [FATH] minor to be offered at the Kent Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Dean Broome's motion to approve the item was seconded by Dean Deborah F. Spake. Dean Blank told members there has been interest in developing this minor for some time. Course work has been established and, with the interest shown by students, faculty believe that there will be a minimum of 25 students enrolled within a year or two.

EPC members passed the item unanimously with no questions.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 4: Establishment of Creative Writing [CRWG] minor to be offered at all Kent State campuses and Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg. This minor replaces the Writing minor, which is being inactivated (see lesser item). Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 21.

Interim Dean Robert G. Sines Jr. moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Interim Dean Kretovics. Dean Blank asked Associate Professor Robert D. Sturr to present items 4 and 5 for the Department of English. Associate Professor Sturr stated that a Writing minor offered currently is successful with healthy enrollment and an increased variety of offerings. Faculty decided to allow students to be more specific in what they would like to do with their writings.

The item was passed unanimously with no questions from members.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 5: Establishment of Professional and Technical [PTW] minor to be offered at all Kent State campuses and Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg. This minor replaces the Writing minor, which is being inactivated (see lesser item). Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Dean Spake seconded Interim Dean Palmer's motion for approval of the item. Members did not have any questions, and the item was passed unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 6: Establishment of Autism Spectrum Disorders [ASD] minor to be offered at the Kent Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 15.

Dean Blank made a motion for approval of the item, which was seconded by Program Director Evans. Interim Dean Kretovics referred to Associate Professor Sloane R. Burgess to present this item. Associate Professor Burgess stated the Autism Spectrum Disorders certificate has been available at the graduate level for several years. This is a joint proposal from the speech pathology and special education faculty. Kent State does not offer any Special Education-focused minors currently, so faculty feel that the minor will be well received.

Members did not have any questions and passed the item unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 7: Establishment of Early Intervention [EINT] minor to be offered at the Kent Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 21.

Dean Broome's motion for approval was seconded by Dean Eboni J. Pringle. Interim Dean Kretovics referred to Associate Professor Sanna M. Harjusola-Webb to present this item. Associate Professor Harjusola-Webb stated an Early Intervention certificate is currently offered at the graduate level. Provost Diacon asked for a definition of early intervention for those not familiar with the program. The Associate Professor Harjusola-Webb explained early intervention pertains to a federally mandated service specific to infants and toddlers, ages 0-3 years, within the field of special education

No further questions were asked, and EPC members passed the item unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 8: Establishment of Mild to Moderate Special Education [MMSP] minor to be offered at the Kent Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Dean Broome moved for approval of the item, seconded by Dean Spake. Interim Dean Kretovics referred to Associate Professor Andrew L. Wiley to present this item. Associate Professor Wiley stated this minor has focused coursework provisioned to special education or children with mild to moderate disabilities in secondary education.

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

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 9: Establishment of Nursing for Registered Nurses [NURN] major within the Bachelor of Science in Nursing [BSN] degree. The major will be offered online-only, administered through the Kent Campus, for students who hold an active registered nurse license. The program currently exists as a concentration within the Nursing major. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 120.

Interim Dean Kretovics moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Dean Reynolds. Dean Broome asked Associate Dean Tracey M. Motter to present. Associate Dean

Motter stated that as part of an update to curriculum within the College of Nursing and to align correctly with the rules of our accreditors, the decision was made to establish a major that has previously been a concentration.

EPC members passed the item unanimously with no questions.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 10: Revision of name and course requirements for the Human Services Technology [HST] major within the Associate of Applied Science [AAS] degree. New name is Human Services [HS]. Course revisions (lesser item) include adding new HS 21003 and removing HED 11590 (or PH 10001) as required; add courses to technical electives; and revising course subject, from HST to HSRV, for all (10) major courses. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is unchanged at 64.

Dean Mark S. Mistur moved for approval of the item, with was seconded by Dean Reynolds. Interim Dean Nathan Ritchey asked Associate Professor Larry G. Froehlich to present, who stated that the Ohio Board of Regents used to require all associate degree majors to end in the term “technology.” but that is no longer the case. Over the years, programs have been revised to remove “technology” from their titles, as is the case with this program.

The item was passed unanimously with no questions.

With no requests for additional discussion, Provost Diacon adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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