



Educational Policies Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, 21 November 2016

Ex-Officio Members present (or represented): Faculty Senate Chair Deborah C. Smith; Associate Provost Mandy J. Munro-Stasiuk (representing Provost Todd Diacon); Deans Sonia A. Alemagno, James L. Blank, James K. Bracken, Barbara A. Broome, John R. Crawford-Spinelli, Mark S. Mistur, Eboni J. Pringle, Amy L. Reynolds, Nathan Ritchey, Robert G. Sines; Associate Deans Danielle S. Coombs, Janis H. Crowther, Robert D. Hisrich, Stephen A. Mitchell (representing Interim Dean Mark A. Kretovics and Associate Dean Alicia R. Crowe), I. Richmond Nettey, Wendy A. Umberger, William T. Willoughby; Interim Director Jeffrey W. Fruit

Ex-officio Members not present (or represented): Deans Donald F. Palmer, Deborah F. Spake, Melody J. Tankersley; Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington; Associate Dean Cynthia Stillings; Assistant Director Susan Peti

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives present (or represented): Professor Donald L. White; Associate Professor Soumitra Basu; Assistant Professor Terrence L. Uber

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

Council Representatives present (or represented): Professors Michael W. Chunn, Debra S. Shelestak, Jonathan B. VanGeest; Associate Professors 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 Pamela K. Evans, Catherine E. Goodall, Jan C. Leach, Jayaram (Jay) Muthuswamy, Stacy R. Rose, Melissa D. Zullo; Assistant Professors Jonathan P. Fleming, Timothy L. Scarnecchia, Belinda S. Zimmerman

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

Consultants and Guests present: Susan M. Augustine, Jessie Carduner, Louise M. Ditchey, Keiran J. Dunne, Larry G. Froehlich, Mary Ann Haley, Joan E. Inderhees, Jennifer S. Kellogg, Douglas J. Kubinski, Amy B. Quillin, Gail M. Rebeta, David B. Robins, Matthew M. Rollyson, Jennifer L. Rogers, Therese E. Tillett, Aimee Van Domelen, Cindy A. Wilk, Catherine M. Zingrone

Associate Provost Mandy J. Munro-Stasiuk called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m., on Monday, 21 November 2016, in the Governance Chambers of the Kent Student Center.

Joint EPC Action Item 1: Approval of 19 September 2016 meeting minutes.

Dean James L. Blank moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Dean John R. Crawford-Spinelli. No changes, corrections or clarifications were requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Joint EPC Action Item 2: Approval of 17 October 2016 meeting minutes.

Associate Dean Robert D. Hisrich made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Associate Dean Wendy A. Umberger. Members had no changes, corrections or clarifications and passed the motion unanimously.

Joint EPC Action Item 3: Revision of policy and procedures for temporary suspension of admissions to an academic program. Current policy allows faculty three years for a program to be suspended before admission is to be reopened or the program to be inactivated. Proposed policy increases the suspension to five years, after which the program will be declared inactivated.

Interim Dean Robert G. Sines, Jr. moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Associate Dean I. Richmond Nettey.

An EPC member asked if a proposal would need to be submitted to inactivate the program at the end of five years, or if it would be inactivated automatically. Executive Director Therese E. Tillett explained that if nothing is done with the program after five years of being suspended, the program would be inactivated by the Provost's Office, with no proposal needed from the academic unit. However, if a decision is made after the program has been inactivated after the five years, a proposal would be needed to be submitted to reactivate the program.

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

Joint EPC Action Item 4: Revision of administrative oversight of construction management faculty, program and courses, from the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Moving are the following: full-time construction management faculty; Construction Management [COMA] major within the Bachelor of Science [BS] degree; Construction Management [COMA] minor; 31 undergraduate CMGT courses and 11 graduate CMGT courses.

Interim Dean Sines' motion to move the item was seconded by Associate Dean Hisrich. Members did not have any questions and passed the item unanimously.

Joint EPC Action Item 5: Revision of administrative structure of the School of Digital Sciences, from a school independent of a college to a dependent school within the College of Communication and Information. Moving to the college are the following: school adjunct faculty and full-time staff; Digital Sciences [DS] major within the Bachelor of Arts [BA], Bachelor of Science [BS] and Master of Digital Sciences [MDS] degrees; Digital Sciences [DS] minor; Enterprise Architecture [C631] graduate certificate; 20 undergraduate DSCI courses and 17 graduate DSCI courses.

Assistant Professor Mary A. Mooney moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Assistant Professor Terrence L. Uber.

Faculty Senate Chair Deborah C. Smith commended the College of Communication and Information for the content and structure of its proposal. She noted that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee felt that it was a best practices example of what a proposal should look like and recommended that areas refer to it as a point of reference when submitting a proposal such as this.

An EPC member asked what the advantages were for the School of Digital Sciences with this move, as opposed to a previous proposal to move to the College of Arts and Sciences several years ago.

Interim Director Jeffrey W. Fruit responded that the digital sciences programs have grown quite successfully, and it is no longer manageable with the current structure of a very small staff and no full-time faculty. With the ability to hire full-time faculty, the school will be able to address various curriculum management and critical issues through committees and subgroups more effectively. Interim Director Fruit referred members to the document they received to understand the full list of advantages for the move.

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

Joint EPC Action Item 6: Revision of name for the Counseling and Human Development Center. Name changes to the Counseling Center.

Associate Dean Stephen A. Mitchell moved for approval of the item, which was seconded by Interim Associate Dean Danielle S. Coombs. With no questions, members passed the item unanimously.

Graduate EPC Action Item 1: Establishment of Health Informatics [HI] major within the Master of Science [MS] degree.

Graduate EPC Action Item 2: Establishment of Knowledge Management [KNMN] major within the Master of Science [MS] degree.

Graduate EPC Action Item 3: Establishment of User Experience Design [UXDE] major within the Master of Science [MS] degree.

Programs listed above currently exist as concentrations within the Information Architecture and Knowledge Management major. Minimum total credit hours to program completion for each is 36.

Graduate EPC Action Item 4: Inactivation of Information Architecture and Knowledge Management [IAKM] major within the Master of Science [MS] degree. The program will be replaced by the proposed Health Informatics, Knowledge Management and User Experience Design majors.

Associate Dean Nettey's motion for approval of the item was seconded by Dean Crawford-Spinelli.

In response to a members' inquiry, Interim Director David B. Robins confirmed that the intention is to replace one major with three separate majors in order to better articulate each field of study. He explained that the concentrations have changed over the years, morphing with the fields as they grew; now they have settled enough to move in the direction of having three separate majors.

Members did not have additional questions or points for discussion, and the item passed unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 1: Establishment of Ceramics [CERM] minor to be offered at the Kent Campus. The discipline-specific minor will replace the Crafts minor, which will be inactivated. Minimum total hours to program completion is 18.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 2: Establishment of Drawing [DRWG] minor to be offered at the Kent and Stark campuses. The discipline-specific minor will replace the Crafts minor, which will be inactivated. Minimum total hours to program completion is 18.

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

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 4: Establishment of Jewelry, Metals and Enameling [JME] minor to be offered at Kent Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 5: Establishment of Painting [PNTG] minor to be offered at the Kent and Stark campuses. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 7: Establishment of Sculpture and Expanded Media [SEM] minor to be offered at the Kent and Stark campuses. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Programs listed above will replace the Fine Arts minor, which will be inactivated. Undergraduate EPC Action Item 6 was withdrawn.

Dean Crawford-Spinelli moved for approval of the items, seconded by Dean Amy L. Reynolds.

Dean Crawford-Spinelli stated that Action Item 6 was being withdrawn from this EPC agenda pending further discussion with the College of Communication and Information on collaborative efforts since both colleges offer different types of photography.

EPC members did not have any questions on any of the items and passed the motion unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 8: Revision of name and course requirements for the Spanish Literature, Culture and Translation [SLCT] major within the Bachelor of Art [BA] degree. Name changes to Spanish [SPAN]. Revision includes decreasing major requirements from 40 to 33 credit hours; moving five courses from required to elective; increasing major electives, from 9 to 15 credit hours; and increasing general electives. Minimum total hours to program completion is unchanged at 120.

Dean Blank's motion to approve the item was seconded by Dean Crawford-Spinelli. Members did not have any questions or points of discussion; the item was passed unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 9: Establishment of User Experience Design [UXDE] minor to be offered at Kent Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

Dean Reynolds moved for approval of the item, which was seconded by Dean Mark S. Mistur and passed unanimously. There was no questions or discussion.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 10: Establishment of Disability Studies and Community Inclusion [DSC] minor to be offered at the Kent Campus. The minor replaces a post-secondary certificate, which will be inactivated. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 18.

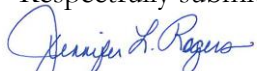
Associate Dean Mitchell made a motion to approve the item, seconded by Dean Reynolds.

Faculty Senate Chair Smith brought to attention that the post-secondary certificate inactivation proposal was not included in the lesser items of the agenda. Executive Director Tillet stated that it would be included on the January meeting agenda.

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

Associate Provost Munro-Stasiuk adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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