



Educational Policies Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, 20 February 2017

Ex-Officio Members present (or represented): Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Todd Diacon; Faculty Senate Chair Deborah C. Smith; Deans Sonia A. Alemagno, James K. Bracken, Barbara A. Broome, John R. Crawford-Spinelli, Mark S. Mistur, Eboni J. Pringle, Amy L. Reynolds, Melody J. Tankersley; Interim Deans Mark A. Kretovics, Donald F. Palmer, Robert Sines; Associate Deans Janis H. Crowther, Mary Ann Haley (representing Dean James L. Blank), Robert D. Hisrich (representing Dean Deborah F. Spake), I. Richmond Nettey, Cynthia Stillings, Wendy A. Umberger; Interim Associate Dean Danielle S. Coombs; Interim Director Jeffrey W. Fruit; Assistant Director Susan R. Peti

Ex-officio Members not present (or represented): Interim Dean Nathan Ritchey; Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington; Associate Deans Stephen A. Mitchell, William T. Willoughby; Assistant Dean Kenneth J. Burhanna

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives present (or represented): Professor Donald L. White; 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 Soumitra Basu, Farid S. Fouad, Zhiqiang M. Wang; Assistant Professors Vinay K. Cheruvu, James E. Seelye

Council Representatives present (or represented): Professor Michael W. Chunn; Associate Professors Catherine E. Goodall, Jan C. Leach, Robert D. Sturr, Jonathan F. Swoboda, Melissa D. Zullo; Assistant Professors Lindsay C. Baran, Insook Kim, James D. (Derek) Kingsley, Mary A. Mooney, David B. (Blake) Stringer, Yafen Wang

Council Representatives not present (or represented): Professors Richard Meindle, Jonathan B. VanGeest; Associate Professors Pamela K. Evans, Richard L. Mangrum, Jayaram (Jay) Muthuswamy, Stacy R. Rose; Assistant Professors Jonathan P. Fleming, Debra S. Shelestak

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

Consultants and Guests present: Jon (Steven) Antalvari, Jr., Susan M. Augustine, Marcello Fantoni, Larry G. Froehlich, Julie Gabella, Jennifer S. Kellogg, Kimberly S. Peer, Susan R. Perry, Jennifer L. Rogers, Kathleen J. Spicer, Linnea A. Stafford, Therese E. Tillett, Aimee VanDomelen, Catherine M. Zingrone

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Todd A. Diacon called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m., on Monday, 20 February 2017, in the Governance Chambers of the Kent Student Center.

Joint EPC Action Item 1: Approval of 23 January 2017 meeting minutes.

A motion to move the item was not made. No changes, corrections or clarifications were requested. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Joint EPC Action Item 2: Revision of name of the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology [AT]. The new name is College of Aeronautics and Engineering [AR].

Interim Dean Donald F. Palmer moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Interim Dean Mark A. Kretovics. Interim Dean Robert G. Sines presented the item and stated that with the move of the Construction Management programs, the new name better reflects what the college is and what it will be in the future. Assistant Professor Blake Stringer added that the college's Aeronautical Systems Engineering Technology major is accredited by ABET, and the college will be seeking accreditation for its engineering and engineering technology programs.

An EPC member asked if this name change had been proposed at a previous EPC meeting. Interim Dean Sines stated that it was originally on the January EPC agenda with the word 'technology' in the title, but was withdrawn for additional discussion. It was then decided to remove the word 'technology' from the title.

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

Joint EPC Action Item 3: Establishment of university-wide English proficiency for admission of international students.

Associate Dean I. Richmond Nettey's motion for approval of the item was seconded by Interim Associate Dean Danielle S. Coombs. Associate Provost Marcello Fantoni explained that the purpose for this policy is to guarantee consistency with all English proficiency requirements and to have more accuracy in establishing a level of English for students. The policy also will make the admission for international students easier for departments and faculty. It is aligned with most of Kent State's peer institutions, which will keep the university competitive, both regionally and nationally.

An EPC member asked if the policy would protect the university against surrogate test takers. Associate Provost Fantoni replied in the negative; however, the university accepts only official test scores from four specific companies, and will only consider students for admission those who show the results of the tests.

Provost Diacon reviewed that this policy will help to clarify internally what levels of proficiency correspond to what is needed to be a student. He asked Dean Melody J. Tankersley to elaborate further. Dean Tankersley stated that the undergraduate level has one set of admission criteria set for English proficiency, and the graduate level has another set as the scores vary depending on discipline. As the university has grown internationally, the admission scores have gradually changed program by program without an understanding of what the scores mean.

The table as listed in the policy is meant to be an internal guide to assist the faculty to determine if their current program scores are in the range they should be, and to provide direction for new programs on where to set a proficiency admission requirement.

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

Graduate EPC Action Item 1: Establishment of Athletic Training [ATTR] major within the Master of Science [MS] degree. The program, designated as entry-level professional, eventually will replace Kent State's bachelor's degree in the discipline. In addition, 11 ATTR courses are established for the program. Minimum total credit hours to program completion is 60.

A motion for approval of the item by Assistant Professor Mary A. Mooney was seconded by Associate Dean Cynthia Stillings. Dean Kretovics asked Associate Professor Kimberly S. Peer to present the item as director of the program. Associate Professor Peer stated that due to a trend in health care, the accreditor for athletic training programs has mandated that by 2022, the entry-level professional program will be at the master's level. Therefore, the establishment of the MS degree for Athletic Training eventually will replace the bachelor's degree in the same discipline.

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

With no requests for additional discussion, Provost Diacon adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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