



Educational Policies Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, 16 October 2017

Ex-Officio Members present (or represented): Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Todd A. Diacon; Faculty Senate Chair Deborah C. Smith; Deans Sonia A. Alemagno, Alison J. Smith, Deborah F. Spake, Melody J. Tankersley; Interim Deans Kenneth J. Burhanna, Nathan Ritchey, Robert G. Sines, Jr.; Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington; Associate Deans Alicia R. Crowe (representing Dean James C. Hannon), Robert D. Hisrich, Stephen A. Mitchell, Wendy A. Umberger; Interim Associate Dean Danielle S. Coombs; Assistant Dean Matthew M. Rollyson (representing Dean Amy L. Reynolds); Interim Assistant Dean Kara L. Robinson; Director James R. Campbell (representing Dean John Crawford-Spinelli)

Ex-officio Members not present (or represented): Deans James L. Blank, Barbara A. Broome, Mark S. Mistur, Eboni J. Pringle; Associate Deans Janis H. Crowther, I. Richmond Nettey, Cynthia R. Stillings, William T. Willoughby

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives present (or represented): Professors Edward Dauterich, Christopher J. Fenk, Darci L. Kracht, Robert J. Twieg, Donald L. White; Associate Professors Albert L. Ingram, Linda L. Williams; Assistant Professor Jennifer M. Cunningham

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives not present (or represented): Professor Susan Roxburgh; Associate Professor Vanessa J. Earp; Assistant Professor Vinay K. Cheruvu

Council Representatives present (or represented): Associate Professors Jillian S. Coorey, Jan C. Leach, Richard L. Mangrum, Denise M. McEnroe-Petitte, Robert D. Sturr, Melissa D. Zullo; Assistant Professors Insook Kim, James D. (Derek) Kingsley, Mary A. Mooney, Amy B. Petrincec, Debra S. Shelestak

Council Representatives not present (or represented): Professors Michael C. Chunn, Richard Meindl, Shin-Min (Simon) Song, Jonathan B. VanGeest; Associate Professors Pamela K. Evans, Jayaram (Jay) Muthuswamy, Jonathan F. Swoboda; Assistant Professors Lindsay C. Baran, Jonathan P. Fleming

Observers present: Graduate Student Senate Vice Executive Chair Kathryn Klonowski; Undergraduate Student Government Senator Samantha Scozzaro

Consultants and Guests present: Steven Antalvari, Larry G. Froehlich, Julie A. Gabella, Mary Ann Haley, Jennifer S. Kellogg, Jennifer L. Miller, Kathleen J. Spicer, Therese E. Tillett, Aimee J. VanDomelen, Catherine M. Zingrone

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Todd A. Diacon called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m., on Monday, 16 October 2017, in the Governance Chambers of the Kent Student Center.

Joint EPC Action Item 1: Approval of 15 May 2017 meeting minutes.

Assistant Professor Debra S. Shelestak moved for approval of the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Associate Dean Robert D. Hisrich. No changes, corrections or clarifications were requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 1: Inactivation of Technology [TECH] major within the Bachelor of Science [BS] degree. Admission to the degree program was suspended for spring 2018 (November 2016 EPC). Effective Fall 2018.

Professor Edward Dauterich's motion for approval of the item was seconded by Associate Professor Linda L. Williams.

Interim Dean Robert G. Sines, Jr. stated that the program is past its time and, only has a minimal number of students enrolled. With the college changing its focus, the decision was made to inactivate the program.

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

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 2: Establishment of an Insurance Studies [INS] minor to be offered online only, administered through the Salem Campus. Minimum total credit hours to program completion are 18. Effective Fall 2018.

Interim Dean Sines moved for the approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Professor Darci L. Kracht.

Associate Professor Larry G. Froehlich advised that after consultations with the Insurance Studies Advisory Board and the College of Business Administration, the decision was made to propose a minor in Insurance Studies. It is felt that this minor will make graduates more attractive to perspective employers.

After recent meetings with the College of Business Administration, the college has decided to amend the proposal by deleting Note 3 "Students may substitute MKTG 45046 for BMRT 21052". The note made it appear that the courses were equal. While the Regional College will accept MKTG 45046 as a substitute for BMRT 21052, the College of Business Administration will not accept BMRT 21052 for MKTG 45046. Both colleges agreed and recommended that the note be deleted from the proposal.

An EPC member asked if there was a statistics course included in the curriculum as it may be relevant for the insurance industry. Associate Professor Froehlich replied that there was not a statistics course for the minor and that the math requirement would follow with what the student's major would be. The insurance industry covers various types of occupations from sales, information technology and marketing just to name a few. Dean Deborah F. Spake added that this minor would be for a business student who may want to go in the insurance field, and business students do take analytics and statistics courses as part of their major.

An EPC member asked if there was an Insurance Studies major. Associate Professor Froehlich affirmed that there is a Bachelor of Science degree in Insurance Studies; all of the courses being offered in the minor are existing courses in the major. Provost Diacon mentioned that both the major and the minor are offered entirely online.

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

Provost Diacon reviewed, per meeting custom, that Information Items or Lesser Action Items typically are not discussed or voted on unless someone wishes to do so. He asked the committee if there was any questions or comments for the remaining items on the Undergraduate EPC agenda. With no questions or discussion presented, Provost Diacon excused the members of the undergraduate committee. All Information Items #1-9 were approved by assent.

Graduate EPC Action Item 1: Revision of major and degree names and course requirements for the Fashion [FASH] major within the Master of Fashion [MFASH] degree. Name changes to Fashion Industry Studies [FIS] major within the Master of Fashion Industry Studies [MFIS] degree. Revision includes establishing six FDM courses; revising 16 FDM courses; adding two FDM courses as required; moving courses from required to electives; and reducing credit hours, from 6 to 3, in the cognate areas. Minimum total credit hours to program completion are unchanged at 30. Effective Fall 2018.

Associate Dean Stephen A. Mitchell moved for approval of the item, which was seconded by Associate Dean Wendy A. Umberger.

Director James R. (J.R.) Campbell explained that the department is reinstating the previous graduate program with some minor modifications. The program disciplinary and advising body, the National Association of School of Art and Design, interpreted the word “fashion” essentially in a way to always mean design, but the scope of the program is much broader. The accreditation agency’s suggestion was to refine the title and subsequent courses.

Members passed the item unanimously with no questions or discussion.

Graduate EPC Action Item 2: Establishment of a Clinical Epidemiology [CEPI] major within the Master of Science [MS] degree. The program will be offered fully online and hybrid online/on-ground at the Kent Campus. One BST and seven EPI courses are being established for the degree program. Minimum total credit hours to program completion are 36. Effective Fall 2018.

Assistant Professor Mary A. Mooney motioned for approval of the item was seconded by Associate Dean Hisrich.

Dean Sonia A. Alemagno stated that the program has the full support of all the major hospital systems, University Hospitals, Cleveland Clinic and Akron Children’s. The professionals with these systems will help man and implement the major clinical trial emphasis in Northeast Ohio that the hospitals have been asking for.

Dean Alemagno introduced Associate Professor Melissa D. Zullo as the author of the proposal and to answer any questions. An EPC member inquired about the role of Everspring. Dean Alemagno replied that Everspring will be providing the same service as they do with the other online Public Health programs. They assist with needs assessments, marketing the program nationally and onboarding students into the program up until they are admitted.

An EPC member asked about projected student enrollment long term. Associate Professor Zullo replied that they have projected no more than 40 students per cohort. Provost Diacon asked how many fully online programs are offered in the college. Dean Alemagno replied they currently have an MPH degree, Health Policy Management concentration with approximately 150 students; an MPH degree, Social Behavioral Sciences concentration, that will begin in spring 2018; and BSPH degree with five concentrations that has approximately 200 students.

A question was asked about location and advisors for practicum if program is fully online. Associate Professor Zullo replied the Kent Campus. Dean Alemagno stated that in order to do a practicum in the accredited College of Public Health; a student must have both a faculty advisor and a community-based qualified preceptor. The hospital systems who are supporting the degree proposal all are willing to take on students. The EPC member asked if there were enough faculty to support the students in the practicums. Dean Alemagno replied that there are currently five epidemiology faculty members to oversee the students at the start.

Members did not have any additional questions or discussions; and the item passed unanimously.

Provost Diacon asked if there were any questions or discussion wanted for the Information Items or Lesser Action Items on the Graduate EPC agenda. Executive Director Therese E. Tillett made note that the first information item was being amended.

Graduate EPC Information Item 1: Temporary suspension of admission for the Literature and Culture [LIT] concentration in the Spanish [SPAN] major within the Master of Arts [MA] degree. Admission will be suspended for one year, at which time the program will be reevaluated and a decision made to either reopen admission or to inactivate the program.

The department would like admission to the program suspended for five years, per university policy, instead of one year as requested.

Executive Director Tillett also stated that four courses were being withdrawn from the agenda pending further discussion. The courses being withdrawn from the agenda are:

- PH 44000 Health Disparities (3) to:
Health Equity and Social JusticeRevise
- PH 43014 Incarceration: A Public Health Crisis (3)New
- SBS 54634 Social Determinants of Health Behaviors (3)Revise
- SBS 74634 Social Determinants of Health Behaviors (3)New

With no requests for additional discussion, Provost Diacon adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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