



**Educational Policies Council  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Monday, 21 October 2019**

**Ex-Officio Members present (or represented):** Deans Sonia A. Alemagno, James L. Blank, Barbara A. Broome, John R. Crawford-Spinelli, James C. Hannon, Mark S. Mistur, Alison J. Smith, Cynthia R. Stillings; Associate Deans Jocelyn Harrison, Babacar M'Baye, Stephen A. Mitchell, Kara L. Robinson (representing herself and Dean Kenneth J. Burhanna), Wendy A. Umberger, William T. Willoughby

**Ex-officio Members not present (or not represented):** Interim Provost Melody J. Tankersley; Faculty Senate Chair Pamela E. Grimm; Deans Christina L. Bloebaum, Eboni J. Pringle; Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington; Associate Deans Cathy L. Dubois, Miriam L. Matteson

**Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives present:** Professors Edward Dauterich, Darci L. Kracht, Robert J. Twieg, Donald L. White; Associate Professors Ann Abraham, Jeff Ciesla, Jennifer M. Cunningham, Helen Piontkivska

**Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives not present:** Professor Richard L. Mangrum; Associate Professors Todd Hawley, Oana Mocioalca

**Council Representatives present (or represented):** Professors Michael W. Chunn, Christine A. Hudak,; Associate Professors Natalie Caine-Bish, Ivan Bernal, Thomas W. Brewer, Matthew J. Crawford, Duane J. Ehredt, Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Ann Heiss, Derek Kingsley, Dandan Liu, David B. Robins, Jonathan F. Swoboda; Assistant Professor Sara Bayramzadeh; Associate Lecturer Mary F. Kutchin

**Council Representatives not present (or not represented):** Professor Richard L. Mangrum, Lawrence L. Marks; Assistant Professor Yafen Wang

**Observers not present:** Morgan Stilgenbauer, Drake Wartman

**Consultants and Guests present:** Susan M. Augustine, Aimee J. Bell, Christopher Fenk, Larry G. Froehlich, Mary Ann Haley, David Kaplan, Anthony Merando, Jennifer S. Kellogg, Matthew Rollyson, Hollie B. Simpson, Manfred H. van Dulmen, Catherine M. Zingrone

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Interim Associate Provost Manfred H. van Dulmen called the meeting to order at 3:20p.m., on Monday, 21 October 2019, in room 319 of the Kent State Student Center.

**Joint EPC Action Item 1: Minutes of meeting on 19 August 2019 and 16 September 2019.**

Professor Edward Dauterich made a motion to approve, and Associate Dean Mary Ann Haley seconded. The item passed unanimously.

**Joint EPC Action Item 2: Minutes of meeting on 16 September 2019.**

Professor Jennifer M. Cunningham motioned to approve, and Professor Michael W. Chunn seconded the motion. The item passed unanimously.

**Undergraduate EPC Action Item 1: Inactivation of the Integrated Life Sciences [ILS] major within the Bachelor of Science [BS] degree.**

Associate Dean Haley made a motion to approve, and Professor Darci L. Kracht seconded.

Associate Dean Haley stated that Kent State—in conjunction with the University of Akron, Youngstown State and Cleveland State—had a collaboration with the Northeast Ohio Medical University or NEOMED (formerly NEOCOM) to bring in qualified high school seniors to the university setting. The students would complete the accelerated B.S. degree in Integrated Life Sciences in two calendar years and one summer. After completing the program, the students would go onto NEOMED for medical training. In recent years, NEOMED felt the students coming into the program were a little young and could use more training to be prepared for medical school. They stopped admitting students from the accelerated program. They revised their process for students to be considered for an “early assurance” if they complete 60 credit hours in residence at a university. The students will do a premed curriculum and then they can apply for consideration once they earn their B.S. degree in a traditional, four-year program.

Admittance to the Integrated Life Sciences major was suspended for a year in case NEOMED reconsidered the program. However, NEOMED has chosen to not continue the admittance after the accelerated program. Therefore, the college has chosen to inactivate the program. The students who were in the program have largely graduated. The few that are still in the program have decided to do an optional third year. They finish their premed training and are doing study abroad or extra minors. All will be graduated by this summer. Additionally, the courses that were setup for the program will be inactivated as well.

With no questions or comments from EPC members, the item passed unanimously.

**Undergraduate EPC Action Item 2: Establishment of an Environmental Studies [ENVS] minor to be offered at the Kent and Stark Campus.**

Associate Dean Haley explained that the Environmental Studies major, developed two years ago, has been very successful in terms of student enrollment. Students have approached the program area requesting a minor.

Professor Kracht motioned to approve the item, and Associate Professor Ivan Bernal seconded.

An EPC member asked about the credit hours stated within the proposal. The total credit hours and proposed credit hours are listed on the proposal as 120.

Associate Dean Haley explained that the degree is earned in 120 credit hours. A minimum 18 credit hours is earned for the minor.

Interim Associate Provost van Dulmen stated that he will check with Associate Vice President Therese Tillett on the specifics of the credit hours.

Without any further questions or concerns, the item passed unanimously.

**Graduate EPC Action Item 1: Establishment of a Construction Management [COMA] major within the Master of Science [MS] degree, to be offered at Kent Campus.**

Associate Dean William T. Willoughby made a motion to approve, and Dean Alison J. Smith seconded the motion.

Dean Mark S. Mistur stated that the College of Aeronautics and Engineering offers a Master of Technology degree with a concentration in construction management. The College of Architecture and Environmental Design teaches the core courses that are offered for the program. He explained that the College of Architecture and Environmental Design would like to bring the construction management curriculum to the college under the Master of Science degree. There are nine students in the program, and enrollment has been steady. Dean Mistur said they project significant growth with industry ties and job placements. Although it appears that it is a new program, it is a transformation of the M.Tech. to the M.S. with few changes; one being a master's project. Additionally, the courses that are already being taught for M.Tech. are courses that already exist as construction management courses. *[Editor's note: for clarification, construction management is a specialization, or cognate, in the Master of Technology degree and not an official concentration. The proposal is to elevate the specialization to a separate degree program in a different college, and not to revise the M.Tech. degree to a M.S. degree.]*

With no comments or questions, EPC members passed the item unanimously.

**Graduate EPC Action Item 2: Revision of degree name for the Geography [GEOG] major within the Master of Arts [MA] degree.**

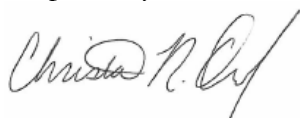
Dean Cynthia R. Stillings motioned to approve the item, and Associate Professor Jeff Ciesla seconded.

Associate Dean Haley stated that the program fits more with the Master of Science degree due to the intense research focus that the students have in their coursework. Professor David Kaplan added that the curriculum will be the same.

EPC members had no questions or comments and passed the item unanimously.

With no requests for additional discussion, Interim Associate Provost van Dulmen adjourned the meeting at 3:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Office of the Provost