



EPC Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, 15 February 2021
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Leadership present: Secretaries Therese E. Tillett, Jennifer S. Kellogg, Aimee J. Bell, Christa N. Ord

Leadership not present: Chair Pamela E. Grimm

Administrators present (or represented): Interim Associate Provost Manfred H. van Dulmen; Deans Christina L. Bloebaum, Mark S. Mistur

Faculty present (or represented): Professors Christine A. Hudak, Eric S. Jefferis, Donald L. White; Associate Professors Brian R. Barber, Darwin L. Boyd, Duane J. Ehredt, Derek Kingsley, Dandan Liu, Gabriella Paar-Jakli, Mary M. Step, D. Blake Stringer, Jonathan F. Swoboda; Assistant Professors Patrick J. Dillon, Jeremiah R. Harris, Eric S. Kildow, Lameck M. Onarigo, Yvonne M. Smith; Associate Professor Shelley K. Marshall

Faculty not present (or represented): Professor Edward Dauterich; Associate Professor Vanessa J. Earp, Denise M. McEnroe-Petitte, Brett D. Tippey; Associate Lecturer Amy J. Veney

Students present: Thomas M. Niepsuj, Mitchell D. Powers

Guests: Susan Augustine, Kelly Cichy, Alicia Crowe, James Hannon, Lynette Johnson, Joanna Liedel, Mark Lyberger, Ashley Maher, Charity Miller, Aaron Mulrooney, Eboni Pringle, Sandra Randulic, Amy Reynolds, Matthew Rollyson, Julie Senita, Denice Sheehan, Hollie Simpson, Linnea Stafford, Susan Stocker, Deidre Warren, Cathy Zingrone

Interim Associate Provost Manfred van Dulmen called the meeting to order at 3:20p.m., on Monday, 15 February 2021, via Microsoft Teams.

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting on 25 January 2020

One correction requested was to move Gabriella Paar-Jakli from “not present” to “present” on the minutes.

With no comments or questions, the item passed unanimously.

II. Presentation

A. Transfer Pathways

Joanna Liedel, Director, Enrollment Management Academic Partnerships

Ashley Maher, Assistant Director, Enrollment Management Academic Partnerships

Assistant Director Ashley Maher stated that their primary focus is on domestic partnerships and ensuring they remain up-to-date. The international articulation agreements are overseen by the Office of Global Education. Ashley's office works with faculty, admissions, credit transfer, general counsel and the provost's office to institute and maintain the agreements. Additionally, they work with ODHE initiatives to facilitate compliance. Those include transfer assurance guide (TAG). TAG courses are course equivalencies among state institutions. The Ohio Transfer Module compliance governs the transfer of the general education requirements and the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways. Career Technical Assurance Guide Courses (CTAG) are overseen by Tech Prep—Jennie Koch and Melanie Tichy. An articulation agreement is a general term. It encompasses articulation agreements and partnerships between colleges, universities or institutions documenting the transfer policies for a specific academic program or degree. The focus is mainly on community colleges, but there are agreements with other entities like trade schools. Many of those are through the College of Applied and Technical Studies. The Transfer Pathway Articulation Agreement is an over-arching, legal agreement to partner with institutions. It allows to create various degree pathways with a single institution. It is also known as an "umbrella agreement." Pathways are an articulated degree to degree semester by semester sequence. These are primarily for the ease of transfer and are typically 2+2 programs. Partnerships are revenue-sharing agreements with which we agree to offer programs at another institution. Students do not need to physically leave the community college campus to earn a Kent State degree. The Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways constitute an agreement between public community colleges and universities confirming the community college courses meet major preparation requirements and will be counted and applied toward the bachelor's degree. An annual (spring) review is done to ensure that the pathways remain up-to-date each year.

Director Joanna Liedel added that there are other pathways out there that may not have made it to the enrollment management academic partnerships office yet. She encouraged anyone in the process of or considering creating a pathway to reach out to their office.

An EPC member asked if there is guaranteed admission or there is a review of every student before entering a program.

Assistant Director Maher said the admissions requirements still apply. Students have to meet the admissions standards to be admitted.

Director Liedel added that they have seen pathways where they must have guaranteed spots, but that is decided upon by faculty. There has never been an automatic admittance. The state has been working on initiatives to make transferring more fluid.

An EPC member asked if there has been more discussion regarding the catalog year for students in an OGTP or articulation agreement.

Director Liedel replied that there are no current guarantees that if a student has been following a pathway for 3 or 4 years that they will continue with what was in an old catalog. Dual admission conversations have been very popular at the community colleges, because it would guarantee a catalog year for students. She said she sees it as a path Kent State is going down to help save the student from following something that would not be enforced at the time they come.

COLLEGE OF APPLIED AND TECHNICAL STUDIES

(Senior Academic Program Director Julie Senita)

1. Medical Assisting - Undergraduate Certificate

Establishing certificate to be offered at Ashtabula and Geauga campuses; prepares students for certification (fall 2021)

Senior Academic Program Director Julie Senita stated that this is a 25-credit-hour, lab and hybrid-online certificate program. The college has worked with the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospital to meet the healthcare need in northeast Ohio. The hope is that students will complete this certificate in 3 semesters.

Interim Dean Susan Stocker added that the curriculum works nicely with microcredentials. The certificate can be broken down into microcredentials for those that solely want to take one subject rather than the whole certificate.

With no questions or comments, the item passed unanimously.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

School of Foundations, Leadership and Administration

(Associate Professors Mark Lyberger and Aaron Mulrooney)

2. Esports - Undergraduate Minor

Establishing minor to be offered on the Kent Campus (fall 2021)

Associate Professor Mark Lyberger stated that the purpose is to introduce an interdisciplinary minor that would be specific to the multidisciplinary concept of esports. When reviewing the possibility of a minor, it becomes a unique opportunity to capitalize on the industry and afford students the opportunity to explore different realms aligned with the industry.

With no questions or comments, the item passed unanimously.

School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences

(Associate Professor Kelly Cichy)

3. International Family Science - Undergraduate Minor

Establishing minor to be offered on the Kent and Stark campuses; travel abroad to Italy will be required (fall 2021)

Associate Professor Kelly Cichy stated that the minor provides students the opportunity to learn about the field of family science both as it currently exists in the United States and to take that knowledge and compare it to a study abroad post-culture. All of this while taking interdisciplinary coursework related to international topics in the U.S. and abroad. Students who are interested in internationalized curriculum will have the opportunity to have the study abroad experience. The structural and financial constraints for students have been discussed and would

allow students to stay in the U.S., but still work with immigrant populations. Additionally, employers are interested in hiring students with more study abroad experience.

With no questions or comments, the item passed unanimously.

IV. Course Proposal Review

C. Updates to January 2021 EPC agenda

2. JMC 48091 Seminar: Public Relations Campaigns to: MDJ 48099 Capstone: Public Relations Campaigns (new number and title) Seminar

An EPC member asked if the School of Media and Journalism and the Public Relations major were informed of the change.

Therese replied said she believes she informed them of this change. The number will change in the program, but it is still listed as a seminar course. It follows the new scheduling guidelines.

V. Next Meeting

A. Monday, 15 March 2021

With no further comments or questions, Interim Provost van Dulmen closed the meeting at 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Office of the Provost