

Educational Policies and Planning Committee – March
03-15-2024

Regular Member Attendees: Michael Dingfelder, Michele Wallen, Ken Luterbach, Lida Cope, Anthony Kennedy (Secretary), Mark Bowler (Chair), Timothy Jenks (Vice Chair), Suzanne Lea

Ex-Officio Attendees: Ray Hylock, Cyndi Bellacero, Ron Preston, Thompson Forbes, Jason Yao

Other Attendees: Rachel Baker, Pamela Reis, Laura Lascalette, Karen Vail-Smith, Lisa Frederickson, Dave Kemble, Christopher Rivera, Angela Novak

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the February meeting were approved.

- **Academic Program Review Response to Reviewers**
Program: PhD Nursing
Unit: College of Nursing
Representative: Dr. Pamela Reis

Dr. Reis gave a brief review of the program response and the committee voted to approve it.

- **EPPC Charge Feedback from Committee on Committees**
Representatives: Mark Bowler & Cyndi Bellacero

The committee on committees requested a minor change to section 5 of the EPPC charge. The committee wanted the EPPC to add a statement about new and revised policies. The change was made to the charge document and the committee voted to approve.

- **UNC System Office Changes to Academic Program Review**
Representative: Mark Bowler

The chair of the faculty requested the EPPC to provide input on changes to the UNC policy manual related to program review and approval. There are substantial changes proposed to the current policy. Future academic program reviews would have to include data and metrics on current and projected student demand, workforce demands and projections and student outcomes among others. The committee expressed some concerns as to the wording, timing, time available to review the proposed changes and the specific metrics being used for determining return on investment. In addition, the committee expressed concerns about return-on-investment assessment of concentrations. Additional concerns around return on investment is a focus on local, regional, and state impacts, with no mention of national or international impacts. Mark agreed to pass on the committee comments to chair Ticknor.

- **New Undergraduate Certificate in Clinical Applications in Health Professions**
Unit: Department of Health Education and Promotion
Representative: Sue Raedeke & Karen Vail-Smith

Dr. Raedeke provided the committee a brief description of the value of the proposed program. A brief discussion on program need, program title and advertising followed. The committee voted to approve the request.

- **Program Revision of the BS Exercise Physiology**
Program Discontinuation of the BS Health Fitness Specialist
Unit: Department of Kinesiology
Representative: Lisa Frederickson & Dave Kemble

Dr. Frederickson explained that during an accreditation process they noticed overlap between two degrees, and they decided to combine these degrees to enhance marketability. Some courses from the discontinued degree will move to the new degree. A suitable teach out plan was provided to the committee and the committee voted to approve both proposals.

- **Update to Certificate Guidelines Document**

Representative: Dr. Cindi Bellacero

Dr. Bellacero explained that proposed catalog language needed minor changes. The committee voted to accept the changes.

- **Program Discontinuation Graduate Certificate in Autism**

Unit: Department of Special Education, Foundations and Research

Representative: Christopher Rivera

Dr. Rivera explained that in 2020 the certificate had low enrollment and the unit had decided to discontinue it. The program has not had any students enrolled in the past 4-5 years. There was a short discussion on the possible need for some of these courses. The committee voted to approve the request.

- **New Undergraduate Certificate in Equity and Advocacy in Gifted and Talented Education**

Unit: Department of Elementary Education and Middle Grades Education

Representative: Angela Novak

Dr. Novak explained the need for the certificate and described which types of students would benefit from the certificate. The committee voted to approve the proposal.

- **New Graduate Certificate in Equity, Advocacy & Leadership in Gifted and Talented Education**

Unit: Department of Elementary Education and Middle Grades Education

Representative: Angela Novak

Dr. Novak again explained the usefulness of the proposed program. There was a brief discussion about the similarity of the credential to the undergraduate certificate, but the committee was satisfied it would not be an issue as few students would take both certificates. The committee voted to approve the proposal.

- **APR Updates**

There was a very brief discussion about APR updates. There were no major announcements or updates.

The meeting was adjourned.