

Educational Policies and Programs Committee

February 4, 2020

EPPC Minutes, February 6, 2020, Kendall Hall 207, 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Altfeld-Fisher, Bailey (Adamian), Buffardi (Seipel), Connolly, Ford, Grassian, Gray, Gruber, Hammer, Horst (Schartmueller), Hostetter-Lewis, Medic, Millard, Miller (Allen), Paiva, Ramirez, Widgay, Wyrick

Members Absent: DeForest, Karpilovsky, Lau, Peterson, Shepherd,

Called to order at 2:30pm

Matthew T. Miller standing in for Mahalley Allen as Chair

1. Approve Minutes for January 23, 2020

No comments. Minutes are approved.

2. Approve Agenda for February 6, 2020

No comments. Agenda is approved.

3. Action Item: Name Change from University Farm/Agricultural Teaching and Research Center to Paul L. Byrne Memorial University Farm Guest Presenter: Dean John Unruh, College of Agriculture

Dean Unruh explained that the proposal is to establish an official name, commencing with the farm's 60th anniversary. The farm does not qualify as an official Center. Noted revisions in explaining the farm as an independent organization and removal of "center" and "institute."

(Q)uestion raised: Farm generates revenue from sales, how is money handled?

(A)nsWER: Revenues from sales are handled through a foundation account. There is no need for a "center" designation to maintain the account and handle sales from the farm.

Chair moved to vote.

No opposition. Action item passes unanimously.

**4. Introduction Item: Suspend Option in Recreation Therapy Guest
Presenter: Laura McLachlin and Morgan Geddie, Department of
Recreation, Hospitality, and Parks Managements**

McLachlin: The certification process to become a recreation therapist requires certification including a qualified academic supervisor. As the sole faculty member qualified for this certification who is also in the process of retiring, the department is not prepared to supervise certifications after McLachlin's retirement. Proposal details plans for McLachlin to teach out current students along with FERP.

Q: How many students are there?

A: There were 3-5 students admitted in 2020. There are 10-14 graduates each year.

(C)omment: If passed, Spring '21 students would be prevented from declaring the option.

Q: If the number of students is sufficient to warrant a program (as described), why not hire a replacement faculty? Is it really sufficient or is there a reinstatement plan? There is a complication between these points. Need to address these points in the rationale.

A: Enrollment in the major is down, which is consistent across the country. Lack of replacement of retired faculty reflects a national trend. However, the department believes the option could sustain if there was faculty.

C: A letter from the dean to explain the consultation and support, in addition to the signature may be helpful.

Q: Are there plans to reinstate the option or is the intent to discontinue option permanently?

A: It will depend on the ability to hire someone qualified.

C: There is a need to elaborate on the improvement plan and clarify what the intentions are with the future of the program.

A: It somewhat depends on if the Dean and Provost support new hires. There is a degree of uncertainty.

C: Statement from the dean might make the Senate more comfortable understanding the plan and justification for suspending a program.

C: EPPC will request the dean to attend the following EPPC meeting.

Chair calls to vote. No opposition. Introduction item passes unanimously.

5. Introduction Item: New Option in Business Analytics in the Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems (BSIS) Guest Presenter: Dr. Dalen Chiang, Chair, Department of Business Information Systems

Chiang: Only one new class is being offered currently, which has been approved. The option appeals to increasing demand in business analytics.

Q: Many options are available in BSIS. How are options assessed? Are there different outcomes? Should there be a dedicated capstone course?

A: Options have the same learning outcomes as the major. The accrediting body does not require outcomes specific to individual options. There are two capstone classes available in BSIS, but the department doesn't want a unique capstone just to the option.

C: Detailed feedback (Grassian with email detailed notes to Chiang). Main points are: (1) Explain how the option is "innovative" for those unfamiliar with the discipline. (2) Consider engaging in interdisciplinary collaboration now, instead of putting it off until later. (3) Give more details on the importance of SAP. (4) Exclude specific information about required faculty (with the salary) in the proposal. (5) Address the potential for a minor in the future. (6) Provide justification why each class is required individually.

C: Connect with the Data Science Steering Committee with the proposal to avoid overlap and ensure synergistic efforts. Consider using the existing CSCI/MATH 490 capstone course if the option wants a dedicated capstone.

C: Some explanations of acronyms and corrections of typos will help.

Chair calls for a vote. No opposition. Introduction item passes unanimously.

6. Introduction Item: New Option in Criminal Justice in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Guest Presenter: Dr. Andy Potter, Program Coordinator, Master of Public Administration, also: Matt Thompson

C: Suggest improving proposal with enrollment data. There is a recommendation to address the questions: "Why not standalone MA in Criminal Justice?" and "Why a cap of 5 students?"

A: One new elective is offered every year so all 10 students will have to take it. There is a concern about admitting more than 5. A standalone program would be difficult to transition to without new resources first. There is a need to know demand and the experiences with the electives before expanding. Multiple faculty lines are necessary to support a new, standalone program.

Q: Is there interest from international students in MPA?

A: There is no strong sense of that.

C: Explain to clarify the number of students served (vs those seeking).

Chair calls for a vote. No opposition. Passes unanimously.

7. Announcements

Study abroad fair coming up on February 26 10-2pm in Trinity Commons Lawn (Selv 100 if rain)

8. Other

None

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:41pm