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Approved
Minutes of the Academic Policies Committee of the Academic Senate
10/24/11
KU 207

Present: Paul Benson, Jim Dunne, Vinod Jain, Emily Kaylor, Laura Leming, Leno Pedrotti, Carolyn Phelps, John White, Deb Bickford

Absent: Joe Castellano, Tony Saliba

Guest: Kevin Kelly

Minutes approved: Minutes of the 9/26/11 meeting were approved.

Announcements: none

CAP Competency Committee update. Pedrotti provided update to the Committee regarding the submission process for CAP course approval. The process structure and forms are on track for completion by February 2012; however, the CourseLeaf interface will likely not be ready. At this point the plan is to request submissions via a system that will transfer easily to CourseLeaf. The CAP Committee has some question/concerns regarding their role or authority in determining the assessment plan for CAP courses. This is an ongoing conversation in the CAP Committee and may be brought to APC in the future.

New Business – Physicians’ Assistant (PA) Program in SoEAP. Kevin Kelly, Dean of the SoEAP presented the PA program proposal. He outlined some of the history of the development of the program and the advantages for the University and the community: there is high demand for such a program; the program would complement the health sciences program; it would generate revenues for the University; it has generated support from the Greater Dayton Hospital System as meeting a current need in the Dayton area. In summary, the program addresses the mission of the University and its revenue goals. The program will be a 3-year masters degree program, requiring 100 credit hours. Tuition rates will be the same as undergraduates at UD and will not be discounted. At full capacity, enrollment will be 40 students/year which is significant in that UD’s goal is to increase graduate programs by 20%. Faculty for this program will be clinical faculty; the majority will not have PhD’s but will be appropriately credentialed. Efforts will be made to hire tenure track faculty as available. This program will be housed in its own department. At this point, there is no department, chairperson or faculty to support the program. The plan is to hire a chairperson to begin in Fall 2012. Then development of curriculum and hiring of faculty will begin. This proposal has been approved by the faculty of the SoEAP and gained unanimous support from the GLC.

A number of questions/concerns were raised by members of the APC. Leming raised the concern of disparity between clinical faculty and tenure/tenure-track faculty, particularly salary differences and possibility of a “revolving door” with clinical faculty, and the need to be proactive with these issues. Vinod pointed out the lack of detail in the proposal: Who can apply to this program? What requisite course should they have in order to apply? Kelly said that these are issues that will be addressed by the program faculty. Additionally, the goal is that the program will be accredited; accreditation requirements will guide the curriculum. White suggested that the accreditation committee would also play a role in

determining the requirements for application. Benson pointed out that approval is being sought for development of the program and the particulars of curriculum, prerequisites will be reviewed for approval by the appropriate bodies as it moves forward. Phelps questioned whether there were enough clinical supervisors in the community to meet the supervision requirements of the program. Kelly said that there is a lot of cooperation from area hospitals, and he has been assured that finding supervision for these students will not be a problem.

Leming brought up issues regarding Catholic medical ethics, particularly regarding issues of abortion and birth control, and asked how the proposed program would be perceived by the new archbishop. Kelly said that this is currently being addressed. Leming also pointed out that this program is an opportunity to serve the underprivileged, consistent with the mission of the University.

Phelps expressed concerns of the Library faculty that the start-up costs for library resources were inadequately addressed. Kelly stated that he was meeting with the Dean of Libraries later that week for further discussion.

The Committee voted to recommend acceptance of the program. It received unanimous support.

Old Business. Program Development Process.

Changes were reviewed and a few final edits were suggested. Changes will be made reviewed for approval at the next meeting of the APC.

Because this document may be needed for the December Senate meeting, the next APC meeting was moved to November 21 so that a vote on final approval could be taken in time for the Senate meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Roecker Phelps