

**Minutes
Academic Council
November 3, 2015**

Present: Barnes, Barrios, Bratberg, Daly, Gathman, Humphrey, Jenkins, Johnson, Kendrick, McAllister, McDougall, Ortiz, Roeder, and Rogers-Adkinson, Sophia Scott (for McGowan), Suhr, and Weller-Stilson

Guests: Jeremy Ball, Leslee Pollina, José Pons, Victor Wilburn

Dr. McDougall introduced Dr. José Pons, visiting professor from Ponce University.

A. MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Gathman; seconded by Jenkins, the minutes of October 6, 2015, were unanimously approved.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Social Rehabilitation and Treatment – Deletion of Minor

Jenkins moved approval of the deletion of the Social Rehabilitation and Treatment minor; seconded by Scott. Ball explained that the department had voted to delete the minor some time ago, but it was recently revisited and approved by College Council. There are very few students in the minor, and the department does not teach the courses regularly. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Child Development: Childhood Trauma and Outcomes – New Minor

Jenkins moved approval of a new Child Development: Childhood Trauma and Outcomes minor; seconded by Barrios. Wilburn explained that there's been evidence that many students are being trained in healthy outcomes of child development, but are lacking in non-healthy outcomes. Therefore, the department developed a new minor to fill the void. They worked with the Department of Social Work, who designed a new course for the subject matter. Gathman questioned if students receive the CAST Certification at the completion of the minor; Wilburn explained that there are 3 courses that qualify students for receiving the CAST Certification, and upon completion of those, the certificate is awarded. McDougall questioned if the certificate is internal (through Continuing Education) or external; Wilburn explained that it's internal to the College of Health and Human Services. Jenkins noted that he signs the certificates and they're awarded through his office. Jenkins also noted that conversations were taking place regarding having an internal certificate or one through Continuing Education. Motion passed unanimously.

3. BS Human Environmental Studies: Dietetics Option – Curriculum Revisions

Jenkins moved approval of the curriculum revisions to the BS Human Environmental Studies: Dietetics option; seconded by Barrios. Wilburn explained that changes were made to align the curriculum to the accrediting body's expectations. McDougall questioned whether the new courses would be offered with no new resources for the department; Jenkins confirmed this. Motion passed unanimously.

4. BS Human Environmental Studies: Interior Design Option – Curriculum Revisions

Jenkins moved approval of the curriculum revisions to the BS Human Environmental Studies: Interior Design option; seconded by Barnes. Wilburn explained that changes were made to align the curriculum to the accrediting body's expectation. Jenkins added that the proposed changes have the support of the impacted Chairpersons. Wilburn also noted that the changes would not require additional resources. Youngblood Ortiz noted that the course title change for DS332 was not reflected on the proposed program listing. Daly questioned the total degree hours increasing, and being over 120 hours; McDougall

pointed out that it's not uncommon to have degree programs over 120 hours. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Master of Science in Clinical Psychology – New Program

McDougall explained that this proposal was handled somewhat differently from the norm. The University has been in discussions with Ponce Health Sciences University for an articulation that links the proposed MS in Clinical Psychology with the Doctorate of Psychology program at Ponce. He explained that the doctorate program is a professional program, not a research program. He also noted that this would not be a collaboration, as the MS would be a Southeast program, but an articulation. The proposed program would have a start date of Fall 2016. The curriculum will be APA compliant, but APA does not accredit MS level programs; the doctorate at Ponce will seek APA accreditation. McDougall explained that an agreement has not been signed by Southeast and Ponce, as they're waiting to make sure the MS program will be approved, but the program needs to move through the approval process in order to make the deadlines for CBHE to approve it for implementation next fall. Barrios moved approval of a new Master of Science in Clinical Psychology program; seconded by Jenkins. Pollina explained that a lot of time and effort has gone into the proposed program; she and several others traveled to Ponce and reviewed the curriculum, etc. She is convinced that the program is doable and would meet a need in the region. Johnson questioned whether graduates of the MS program would be marketable or if it is critical for them to move to the doctorate program; Pollina explained that graduates would be limited in the professional field with only an MS, and would be highly encourage to go directly into the doctorate program. Barrios also noted that there is no licensing at the MS level. McDougall added that to justify the financial investment for the proposed program, there must be a path to the doctorate. He also added that there is not an expectation for much push back at that state level. Pollina noted that the only other Doctor of Psychology program in the state of Missouri was offered by Forest Institute, and they are closing. Humphrey questioned the financial projections and the tuition received from the doctoral students; McDougall explained that we will provide administrative support for the doctoral students – they will continue to have access to our library, etc. and in return we will collect some of the tuition. Barnes questioned what proportion of graduates from the proposed MS program would go directly into the doctorate program offered by Ponce, rather than somewhere else. Pollina explained that the majority will want to stay in this particular program for the familiarity; Barrios added that because the MS will be a direct feeder into the doctorate program, the students would avoid the admissions process they'd face with going with other institutions. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Informational/Discussion Items:

1. Cybersecurity Program

McDougall explained that a proposal to move the BS Cybersecurity and minor in Cybersecurity programs from the Department of Polytechnic Studies to the Department of Computer Science has been posted for 30 Day Review on the Provost's website. Though the policy for Minor Academic Restructuring does not require Academic Council to take action, McDougall will bring the proposal to the December Council meeting for endorsement. Johnson questioned the impetus of the proposal; McDougall explained that to achieve appropriate accreditation, there must be qualifying faculty teaching. Moving the programs will also allow for striving to achieve federal designation, and accessing federal sponsored programs. Scott brought forward a concern from a colleague, specifically regarding procedure – the procedure states, “The proposal will be evaluated by the appropriate department, College/School Council(s), and dean(s), and, when appropriate, by the Graduate Council or University Studies Council.” The concern is that the proposal has not been approved by the College of Science, Technology, and Agriculture College Council. McDougall explained that the College Council does not approve/disapprove the proposal, but has an opportunity to review it. He has sent the proposal to the Dean, with instructions for discussion at College Council.

Upon a motion by Scott; seconded by Gathman, the meeting adjourned.