

1. Roll Call

Present: Rebecca Álvarez (Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminal Justice), Peter Buchanan (English), Blanca Cespedes (Natural Resources Management), Sarah Corey-Rivas (Biology), Gil Gallegos (Computer & Mathematical Sciences), Sandra Gardner (Nursing), Katie Gray (Library), Sarah Santillanes (Teacher Education), Edward Harrington (Visual & Performing Arts), Lara Heflin (Psychology), Kathy Jenkins (Exercise & Sport Sciences), Anna Koch (Counseling & Guidance), Beth Massaro (School of Social Work), Angela Meron (Media Arts & Technology), Jim Peters (Business Administration), Rod Rock (Educational Leadership), Ann Wolf (Curriculum & Instruction); **Vacant positions:** Languages & Culture, Education – Special Education

Absent: Elaine Rodriguez (History & Political Science), Tatiana Timofeeva (Chemistry)

Also in Attendance: Melani Buchanan-Farmer (Education), Inca Crespín (Registrar), Gloria Gadsden (Criminal Justice), Roxanne Gonzales (VPAA), Eric Griffin (Biology), Sheree Jederberg (Education, Interim Dean), Brandon Kempner (CAS, Interim Dean), Jennifer Lindline (Geology), David Lobdell (Visual and Performing Arts), Benito Pacheco (Student Success Center, Director), Mike Petronis (Geology), R. K. Reid (Forestry), Jesus Rivas (Biology), Kyle Rose (Forestry), Josh Sloan (Forestry), Elizabeth Valenzuela (Education)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Chair noted that the date of the minutes on item #3 should be March 4, 2020.

MOTION to approve agenda as amended. Seconded. 10 ayes. 0 nays. 1 abstention. Motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2020

MOTION to approve minutes. Seconded. 10 ayes. 0 nays. 2 abstentions. Motion passes.

4. Subcommittee Reports

a. Undergraduate appeals (Heflin)

Subcommittee reviewed and voted on one appeal.

b. Graduate appeals (Jenkins)

Nothing to report.

c. Ballen (Heflin)

Spring scholar had to postpone until the fall for medical reasons. The subcommittee will still accept applications for another Fall Ballen Scholar. Dates are forthcoming.

5. Program Review Schedule and Procedures

a. Health/HPS (Buchanan)

Nothing to report.

b. University Studies (Wolf)

Subcommittee is working on the report and hopes to have feedback to Dr. Romero by the beginning of next week.

c. Southwest Studies (Gallegos)

Nothing to report.

d. Computer Science (Heflin)

Meeting with program Chair did not occur and will be rescheduled.

e. Forestry -review after accreditation (Buchanan)

Subcommittee received the report and is reviewing it now.

f. Native American Hispano Cultural Studies (Jenkins)

Program Chair was going to try to work on review during spring break.

g. General Engineering AA (Jenkins)

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2020 Spring Program Reviews

- h. Early Childhood Multicultural Ed BA, CAEP Accredited, Minor (Jenkins)

Elizabeth Valenzuela, newly elected Department Chair, is asking AAC to postpone the review until the fall.

MOTION to postpone the program review for Early Childhood Multicultural Ed until Fall 2020. Seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.
 - i. Elementary Education BA/CAEP Accredited, Minor, AA/CAEP Accredited (Koch)

Elizabeth Valenzuela, newly elected Department Chair, is asking AAC to postpone the review until the fall.

MOTION to postpone the program review for Elementary Education until Fall 2020. Seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.
 - j. General Science for Secondary Teachers BA, Minor (Cespedes)

Department knows that the review is due and is working on it.
 - k. Math/Computer Science for Secondary School Teachers BA, Minor (Álvarez)

Department knows that the review is due and is working on it.
 - l. Special Education BA, CAEP Accredited, Minor, Certificate, MA (Harrington)

Subcommittee Chair sent an email to Dr. Rock.
 - m. Educational Leadership (Wolf)

Dr. Karraba is Chair and has received information about review. Also part of CAEP review, so the report shouldn't take long.
 - n. Curriculum & Instruction- Bilingual Education/ TESOL/ Reading Education/ Advance Program/Secondary Education Certificates (Buchanan)

Department held a meeting and is working on the review.
6. Request for Amnesty – Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice from February 2020 – vote item (Gadsden)

Amnesty template was sent to Vice President for Academic Affairs to review. Dr. Gonzales stated that she will get this reviewed and will get it back to the AAC.

MOTION to table this item until the AAC receives the review from the VPAA. Seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

7. Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice – 1) New program proposal. MA in Criminology – 2) New course proposal. Reproductive Justice (4XXX/5XXX) – 3) New course proposal. Gender, Food, and Culture (4XXX/5XXX) – 4) New course proposal. Violence and Society (4XXX/5XXX) – 5) New course proposal. Organized Crime (4XXX/5XXX) – 6) Course revision. Field Methods in Archaeology (4140/5140) -- vote item. (Gadsden)

Request from a committee member to separate the new program proposal and the course proposals into two votes. No further discussion or questions from committee.

MOTION to approve new program proposal. Seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

MOTION to approve 4 new course proposals and 1 course revision. Seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

8. Department of Teacher Education – Revision of Minor – vote item (Valenzuela, Buchanan Farmer)

No questions or discussion from the committee.

MOTION to approve revision of minor. Seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

9. Natural Resource Management Reorganization (Revised) – discussion item (Sloan)

New documents were added to Sharepoint for this discussion item.

Question from the AAC Chair. The documents submitted say there is no change, but how will this work with the catalog?

Dr. Sloan stated that the department can prepare that information for the catalog. Anything with a GEOL prefix will remain in NRM, anything for FORS prefix will remain in the new Forestry Department.

Statement from the AAC Chair that the AAC needs to see all the documents.

Statement from a committee member that this item should continue to be a discussion item. The proposal looks great, but in fairness we need to see a side by side comparison since we asked other departments for that (such as the Biology Department). Also, the AAC is required to pass the Catalog changes, so why not do it all at once?

MOTION to keep this proposal as a discussion item. Seconded.

The following discussion ensued.

Dr. Gadsden stated that after reviewing the proposal, it looks clean but doesn't have the same format as past requests. Maybe it could be reformatted to match.

Statement from a committee member that how courses will be reallocated is clear. On behalf of the Biology Department, we don't see the need to have a side by side comparison.

Statement from Dr. Cespedes that it wasn't clear that departments are separating, it has to follow the same procedure as other changes.

Dr. Rivas stated that the Biology Department won't hold grudge if other programs doesn't follow the same procedure.

Comment from a committee member that when the Psychology Department split, they didn't create new proposals.

Dr. Gadsden agreed. However, her understanding is that Natural Resources Management is more integrated than the Psychology Department was, so we need to know whose purview things will fall under.

Comment from a committee member agreeing with Dr. Gadsden.

Dr. Lindline stated that it would make her more comfortable to see what the final catalog language will look like. What about majors, minors, programs offered, etc.?

Comment from Dr. Cespedes that if we go to that level of detail we should ask that same level of detail for all changes.

AAC Chair stated that the AAC has requested that level of detail in the past. The Biology Department had to postpone their vote until the comparison was submitted.

Comment from Dr. Cespedes that there is nothing new in the proposal.

Comment from Dr. Rivas that the Biology Department was revising the program. But that is not what is happening with forestry. There are no changes.

Comment from a committee member that no new program proposal is needed. The committee does want clarification concerning catalog language and what will be involved in the various majors.

Dr. Lindline stated that she is happy that AAC is reviewing this. This reorganization is something the group wants to move forward. There are some overlapping programs in NRM that aren't laid out in the catalog.

Request from the committee member representing NRM for a list of the requirements from the AAC.

Reminder from the Chair that there is a motion on the floor. Suggestion from a committee member that we could designate the item as a possible action item for the next meeting. Moving member changed language of motion. Seconding member agreed.

MOTION that, the committee having requested further information concerning the proposed reorganization, if that information is provided by the department, the item will be an action item at the next AAC meeting. Seconded.

Discussion ensued, including proper procedure for proposals coming before the AAC.

Comment from Dr. Peters that the school is unanimously opposed to the proposal on the following grounds: 1. Particularly in this economic climate, it is not fiscally secure to take on these extra expenses. 2. They do not feel there is sufficient justification to meet the goals for the forestry department. 3. They are concerned with the proliferation of micro-departments that contribute to overhead costs. The committee member would like to have these issues discussed.

Revised MOTION voted on. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

Dr. Sloan clarified that they are not proposing any programmatic changes, course changes, major/minor/concentration changes. This is a reorganization of the disciplines into departments. What they are proposing is the Forestry discipline become a program. The budget and staffing are already separate.

Comment from a committee member that the AAC always looks at resources, because resources support academic quality. It is part of the approval process.

Dr. Sloan stated that these disciplines are on different trajectories and have different needs. Forestry has strict outside accreditation and must maintain this

accreditation for students to have degrees recognized. The accreditation process is a major burden to the department and not something that the Environmental Geology discipline needs to deal with. It is unusual nationally for forestry programs to not be autonomous.

Dr. Sloan also stated that the additional resources that have been agreed to be allocated by the administration include funding for a Chair and for a 3-year visiting professorship. Another motivation is in December [2019] the program was awarded a \$5M dollar grant which will offset the financial considerations. We do have some areas that are shared, for example GIS, which is already housed with Geology. The disciplines will continue to have shared spaces.

AAC Chair asked if the vote in the document is up to date.

Dr. Sloan stated that the department vote was held by email. Dr. Petronis' vote was not clear.

Dr. Kempner asked to speak to the resources issue. Grants like the Kress Grant are indirect monies for the university. These programs bring in more grant money.

Comment a committee member that the committee has heard nothing at all to tell us this must be done. You don't need a department. This isn't fiscally justified.

Comment from a committee member when Biology and Chemistry split, there was an issue about getting along, etc.

Comment from Dr. Cespedes that, in this case, we agree that it has to be reorganized. The department is losing energy. We have already lost faculty. It's win/win for the programs.

Question from a committee member. Will there still be an organismal component to the GIS training?

Dr. Sloan stated that there would. The GIS professor was hired as a professor of Forestry. Dr. Iwashita has a very broad background, and we expect the GIS program to retain a broad-spectrum of environmental science.

Comment from a committee member that they are confused about the new designation. Natural Resources Management is an umbrella term for several different disciplines. What are the new departments called?

Dr. Lindline stated that they wanted to keep the umbrella term.

Dr. Sloan stated that it's a question of what should be the umbrella term. Forestry focuses on all resources within a forested landscape. As far as nomenclature,

forestry as a discipline is broadly in the NRM field, but is a standalone profession. Forestry views itself as a profession.

Question from a committee member. Will this reorganization assist with the accreditation process?

Dr. Sloan stated that their accrediting body told them directly that they should be a separate department. It will relieve that accreditation burden and streamline the process in the future.

Dr. Lindline stated that that has been the concern of the entire department. Will it make the accreditation stronger or bring it into question? There do remain some worries that there might be some areas of competence or instructional areas that might fall through the cracks. It's something that the group is working on.

Dr. Sloan requested an overview of what further information the AAC is requesting. The Secretary stated that it is a side-by-side comparison of the old department vs. the new departments, including catalog language.

10. Biology Department – new course: Conservation Biology in a Changing World, - New program: BS in Wildlife, Biology, Conservation and Management, Program Revision of Biology BS and BA, Revision of BIOL 385 - discussion item (Rivas)

Dr. Rivas first provided an overview of the Conservation Biology new course proposal. The department is requesting that this item be part of the core.

Dr. Kempner stated that this is the first time a course has come forth to be added to the core. There should be two discussions: about this course specifically and about adding more courses to the core.

AAC Chair stated that the AVPAA has a form that must be filled out for everyone. Dr. Rivas stated that the department has submitted that form.

Comment from the committee that we have to make sure at the next meeting that we have two votes, one to approve the course and one to approve it as part of the core.

Question from the committee. This would be a unique course in New Mexico. Are there a lot that are unique? Or will the state come back with issues about it? Dr. Kempner stated that we won't know until we put it forward. Dr. Gonzales stated that when you look at institutions with unique courses, UNM has many. This would not be out of alignment with our sister institutions.

Comment from a committee member that the NM core has all kinds of things for non-Biology majors. There's a lot of variety but nothing like this.

Comment from the AAC Chair that last year a subcommittee reviewed all the core. We have a slew of core suggestions for the visual arts coming forward. Maybe we should have them present for these discussions.

Dr. Rivas provided an overview of the course revision proposal for BIOL 385.

Question from the committee. Can you tell if it will make it more difficult for students to make the upper division requirement if you reduce this course?

Dr. Rivas stated they will not have that problem, because there will be plenty of upper division courses available.

Dr. Corey-Rivas stated that Biology majors can take it for their Organic Chemistry requirement.

Dr. Rivas provided an overview of the revision proposal for the BA and BS in Biology and the way the previous proposal feeds into that.

Comment from a committee member that they would like to know what the Chemistry Department thinks. Will it impact their enrollment?

Dr. Rivas stated that they haven't consulted Chemistry, because many of their students will still take Organic Chemistry.bio

Comment from a committee member that the AAC normally makes sure that every department impacted will be asked.

Dr. Kempner suggested that it would be appropriate for the AAC Chair to forward it to the Chemistry Department for feedback. Dr. Kempner also asked if this is a new 200-level, do we need to have it be aligned?

The AAC Chair stated that it only needs to be aligned if it's part of the core.

Dr. Corey-Rivas stated that Freshmen tend to be split 50/50 between those interested in Medical School vs other disciplines. She estimates that 50-75% of the students would still take Organic Chemistry.

Dr. Kempner suggested that they might want to make sure they offer this and Organic Chemistry in different semesters to give students more opportunities.

Dr. Rivas stated that once it is available, any departments may want to adopt it to their curriculum.

Dr. Corey-Rivas stated that there are sections of Organic Chemistry at Luna that get our students because of scheduling. We are proposing this as co-requisite of early courses, which is why we want it at 200 level.

Dr. Rivas provided an overview of the program proposal for the major in Wildlife Management. He stated that the department has all the classes that the USFWS requires for a wildlife biologist, but they're not packaged together.

Comment from Dr. Corey-Rivas that this proposal came out of conversations between Biology and Forestry. They want to add that something unique. Many of the faculty have collaborations and direct connections with federal and state agencies and nonprofits. This is a very applied degree and we can get students internships.

Question from a committee member. This raises a question about the previous course. The 2850 will be teaching some students who have had a full year of Chemistry and some who haven't had any at all. How will you teach for those differing levels?

Dr. Corey-Rivas stated that they have found several STEM education papers about switching to this model.

Question from the committee. Would it be useful to have Organic Chemistry as a possible substitution for the 2850 in the new program?

Dr. Lindline asked how this affects Forestry, specifically their accreditation.

Dr. Cespedes stated that the Forestry faculty has given feedback and is happy to collaborate.

Dr. Sloan stated that Forestry currently has a posting up looking for Wildlife Management specialty. The Forestry faculty would still be teaching the courses they're required to teach. It would not affect accreditation. It would just expand the range of students enrolled in the forestry classes.

Comment from a committee member that they are concerned about students finishing the degree without taking any Chemistry courses.

Dr. Rivas stated that the department thought about that. A lot of programs have an inertial nature and don't respond to curriculum mapping. The department is addressing everything the biologist needs to know.

Dr. Corey-Rivas stated that the department decided that one BioOrganic Molecules class that is targeted for biologists was better and two semesters of Inorganic Chemistry, which doesn't have a direct impact on their studies.

Comment from a committee member that that makes sense, but they would like to hear from the Chemistry department. A letter of support or something.

Meeting time elapsed.

11. Department of Visual and Performing Arts – Core Curriculum proposal – discussion item (Lobdell)

Meeting time elapsed. No discussion.

12. Discussion – We need input for all members on this issue. The potential wisdom of decreasing the number of upper-division credit hours required for undergraduates to complete their bachelor's degrees. With the common course numbering changes having changed several 300- or 400- level courses to 200-level courses, I anticipate that undergrads will begin having an increasingly hard time meeting the 45-credit upper division requirement.

Meeting time elapsed. No discussion.

13. Communication from the Chair (Wolf)

Meeting time elapsed. No discussion.

14. Communication from the Registrar (Crespin)

Meeting time elapsed. No discussion.

15. Communication from the Faculty Senate (Gardner)

Meeting time elapsed. No discussion.

16. Communication from the Graduate Council (Buchanan)

Meeting time elapsed. No discussion.

17. Communication from the Administration (Gonzales)

Meeting time elapsed. No discussion.

18. Late Additions to the Agenda (minor items only)

Meeting time elapsed. No discussion.

19. Next meeting

April 15, 2020, Zoom Only

20. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.