



## Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

Location: Only Zoom

Date: May 13, 2020

Approved August 19, 2020

### 1. Roll Call

**Present:** Peter Buchanan (English), Blanca Cespedes (Natural Resources Management), Gloria Gadsden (Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminal Justice), 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), Jim Peters (Business Administration), Jesus Rivas (proxy for Sarah Corey-Rivas, Biology), Rod Rock (Educational Leadership), Elaine Rodriguez (History & Political Science), Tatiana Timofeeva (Chemistry), Ann Wolf (Curriculum & Instruction); **Vacant positions:** Languages & Culture, Education – Special Education

**Absent:** Sarah Corey-Rivas (Jesus Rivas attended as proxy, Biology), Angela Meron (Media Arts & Technology)

**Also in Attendance:** Robert Anaya (Director, Santa Fe Center at HEC), Heath Anderson (Business), Christina Duran (Dean, Social Work), Geri Glover (Counseling), Roxanne Gonzales (VPAA), Robert Karaba (Educational Leadership), Brandon Kempner (CAS, Interim Dean), Jennifer Lindline (Geology), Carla Romero (Business, Media & Technology), Henrietta Romero (Registrar), Josh Sloan (Forestry), Orit Tamir (Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminal Justice), Keith Tucker (Interim Dean, Business, Media, & Technology), Ian Williamson (AVPAA)

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Approval of minutes for the meeting of May 6, 2020 added to the agenda.

MOTION to approve agenda. Seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

MOTION to approve the minutes for the meeting of May 6, 2020. Seconded.

T. Timofeeva stated that the timeline presented in the previous meeting by the Biology Department is incorrect and wished to have it corrected in the minutes.

Committee Chair noted that the minutes must reflect what was said and what occurred at the meeting.

Voting commenced. 14 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions. Motion passes.

3. Department of Social Work – New Course Proposal: Family Therapy with Children and Adolescents and Macro Practice – vote item (Massaro)

Dr. Massaro was available for questions from the committee. No additional discussion ensued.

MOTION to approve both course proposals. Seconded. 14 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions. Motion passes.

The proposals will be sent to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate for review, who will decide if it needs to go to the full Senate for approval.

H. Romero stated that the Registrar's office will do whatever they can to get it in for Fall.

4. Department of Educational Leadership – New program: EDLD Concentration in K-8 Mathematics Teacher Leadership – vote item (Rock and Karaba)

Dr. Rock was available for questions from the committee. Curriculum & Instruction and Math Departments have given their blessing to the program. 7 students are currently enrolled in it as special topics. They are working in conjunction with LANL.

MOTION to approve. Seconded. 15 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

5. Department of Counseling – Course revisions: COUN 6110 – Social Justice and Cultural Diversity, COUN 6980 – Internship in Counseling – discussion item (Koch and Glover)

G. Glover stated that the program did a major revision for KCREP. The department would like to change the name of 6110. There is no change to content just a name change.

KCREP requires programs to make a distinction to identify the placement of their internship. The department would like to take 6980 and split it into five separate courses. They would maintain 6980 as a one-credit free-for-all internship for back up.

Question from a committee member about whether the Registrar's Office is okay with this change. H. Romero stated that they are. The course numbers from 6980-6984 will have variable credit. The Registrar's Office has no issues with these changes.

Question from a committee member. Can students from one concentration do internships in the other? Dr. Glover stated that they can only do the internship that goes with their degree, but they can do dual concentrations.

Question from a committee member about if this impacts any other School of Education programs. Dr. Glover stated that it does not.

Comment from a committee member that we need to approve this today.

MOTION to approve. Seconded. Committee member noted that this is listed as a Discussion Item and therefore cannot be voted upon unless it is changed by the committee. Motion cancelled.

Comment from a committee member. The School of Education has come to AAC a couple of times with students taking the same course multiple times, and they've asked to split courses. Has that been worked out? A. Wolf stated that was in regard to alternative licensures and that Dr. Glover and the department have worked that out. Dr. Glover stated that there are no issues with their one repeating internship class. They were not part of a discussion about repeatable courses in other disciplines. H. Romero stated that, with regard to repeats, this will help avoid the repeats of the same internship. Students internship hours will be put toward a specific specialty. It is repeatable if necessary.

Comment from a committee member that the School of Education said repeatable courses were a problem. H. Romero stated that the students will repeat this as many times as necessary to fulfil their necessary internship hours.

MOTION to change to action item. Seconded.

Comment from a committee member that this is the first time new agenda items have been allowed on the agenda past March. Normally, there is a freeze on new items because they have to go to the Faculty Senate. The committee member hopes the AAC will consider doing this again in the future.

Voting commenced. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

MOTION to approve both course revisions. Seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

6. School of Business – Certificate in Emerging Business Markets Entrepreneurship, Bachelors of Administration in Organizational Leadership, Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in General Business – discussion item (Peters, Tucker)

K. Tucker reviewed the proposal. This is an interdisciplinary certificate the school is proposing. The Certification in Emerging Markets is focused on hemp. The School sees a market for the business and production sides of the hemp industry. This is an 18-hour certificate with 9-hour core and split to either production or business. The opportunity would not be in contrast with NMSU's ag school; it would be a complement.

B. Kempner stated that the legal landscape has changed. There is no conflict with federal law. We built this to be flexible. If new markets emerge, we could change the course (with AAC approval).

Statement from a committee member that they are very excited that there is a multidisciplinary approach, and that it also affects criminal justice.

Comment from a committee member that they want to congratulate those who put this together, and they fully support it. Certificates are the way to go.

J. Rivas stated that Colorado has seen a huge economic boom with legalization of marijuana. But it's limited to big corporations because of licensing, etc. We need to provide the people with preparations and know-how to start a farm or have a leg up in knowing what to do with a business. There is needed expertise.

Question from a committee member. How many other universities have this program? What competition can we expect? Dr. Tucker stated that they are not aware of the competition out of UNM. This is an opportunity for farms in Northern NM to get into the business and make some money. Dr. Rivas stated that in looking at the ag campus at NMSU, there is nothing about this. There is a lot about research, but not training New Mexicans to get into the market. Dr. Kempner stated that this is a pretty wide open market because up to now you could only have programs about research. The law changed in 2018.

Dr. Tucker reviewed the Bachelors of Administration in Organizational Leadership. This is an interdisciplinary program. It is focused on first responders and all asynchronous so they can do it at their convenience. Students would be put through as a cohort so they can work on it together. It could be supported by municipalities.

R. Anaya stated that it is very much needed in the state. There is currently no advanced training at this level for public safety. They are looking for curriculum for rotating shifts and overtimes. It is a high demand. Most leadership in law

enforcement in NM have an Associate's degree (if that), and they don't have time to attend traditional brick and mortar schools. This program would be unique in New Mexico. There is a certificate program from another institution. The FBI leadership program is only a certificate program. There is a need for higher education. There is also interest from other states.

Question from a committee member. How many degrees do we have in business at undergraduate level? Why make a new degree and not have a concentration? Dr. Tucker stated that there are specific needs that need to be met for the law enforcement community.

H. Romero asked if the School of Business will do the admissions the way the nursing program does, because of the cohort? So that it's not open to everyone. Dr. Tucker stated that that is not the intent. It is hoped to be a cohort.

G. Gadsden asked why the Criminal Justice department was not invited to take part in the program. Dr. Tucker stated that the people going through this already have the criminal justice experience. They need business and leadership experience. Dr. Gadsden responded that criminal justice is not about field experience. It is about how the systems work. Dr. Tucker stated that E. Rodriguez was involved. Dr. Rodriguez stated that the classes we included from PoliSci are courses that already target state and local governments. The program looks at organizations, public administration, and public policy. Dr. Gadsden stated that it would be wise to reach out to Criminal Justice. Comment from a committee member that they would like to know if there will be an impact on Criminal Justice. Would there be competition? Committee member stated that they would prefer if the School of Business meet with CJ over the summer. Dr. Tucker stated they would be happy to. Dr. Rivas stated that this is the reason things come to AAC. This is the chance to get discussion going. Dr. Rock stated that there is a possibility of building on the program with educational leadership. Perhaps a Master's degree, which is much needed.

J. Lindline stated that she is chair of NRM and that the department doesn't have representation yet on the AAC and that they haven't been privy to materials. The department has proficiencies in soil and water management, and they'd like to be part of the discussion. AAC Chair stated that they should speak to Faculty Senate about representation on AAC and that only members of the AAC have access to the Sharepoint account.

Dr. Tucker reviewed the Bachelor's of Applied Science in General Business. This is designed for people who have AAS and are looking for the next step. It needs to provide a seamless transition to Bachelor's for people with technical skills certificates.

C. Romero stated that they are looking for a seamless way of going from AAS to Bachelor's. Many people need a Bachelor's for particular jobs. There is one other college that offers this (Eastern), and they are set up in different concentrations. This should be a terminal degree. Research found in 2018 that there were 11,000 students that received AAS degrees in NM. So, there are a lot of potential students. This has a 35 credit core, but students won't have to take the extended core. That's already passed. Students bringing in a minor and will have taken enough courses at the higher level to make up the 45 hours.

Comment from a committee member that they thought we didn't have to seamlessly transition. The extended core is necessary. H. Romero stated that that is her understanding, as well. Comment from a committee member that it's the only Associate's that doesn't transition. Is this our first B of Applied Science? I. Williamson stated that this is our first.

Question from a committee member. Have any of the STEM faculty been consulted? If it's applied science it would appear to be in their field. Dr. Williamson stated that AASes are applied, meaning there is less of a theoretical base. It's just the name. Apparently Eastern is already doing this, so we should look at how they're handling it. Military folks look at these degrees as a way of transitioning adult learners. Folks in those trade backgrounds can transition to liberal arts. Comment from a committee member that it is important that the degree carefully states that it is a business degree.

Committee member expressed thanks to the Registrar's Office for their work throughout the year.

**17. Late Additions to the Agenda (minor items only)**

**18. Next meeting – August**

**19. Adjournment**

MOTION to adjourn. Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04.

Draft submitted by K. Gray, 7/24/2020