

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL PLANNING, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

Draft Minutes: January 21, 2016 (432nd meeting)
North Carolina A&T State University
Alumni-Foundation Event Center – Ballroom 203

Members Present: Anna Nelson – Chair, Rodney Hood – Vice Chair, Laura Wiley – Secretary, Joe Knott, Marty Kotis, David Powers, Craig Souza, Mike Williford

Members Absent: Pearl Burris-Floyd

Chancellor Support / Ex Officio Members Present: James Anderson, Carol Folt, Mary Grant / Zack King, Stephen Leonard

Other Board Members Present: Louis Bisette, Walter Davenport, Hannah Gage, Henry Hinton, James Holmes, Steve Long, Joan MacNeill, Champ Mitchell, Doyle Parrish, Joan Perry, Terence Pickett, Harry Smith, George Sywassnick

Others Present: Johnson Akinleye, David Belcher, Camille Barkley, Leslie Boney, Christopher Brown, Shearon Brown, George Burnette, Alisa Chapman, Elizabeth Cunningham, Kathy Davis, Mike Delafield, Debbie Dibbert, Karrie Dixon, David English, Kevin FitzGerald, Tim Gallimore, Junius Gonzales, Kate Henz, Scott Jenkins, Jonathan Kappler, Dena Konkell, Harold Martin, Ron Mitchelson, South Moore, Matthew Rascoff, Todd Roberts, Sanjiv Sarin, Jose Sartarelli, Terrence Scarborough, Tom Shanahan, Michelle Soler, Cody Thompson, Courtney Thornton, James Whalen, Angelica Willis, Hope Williams, Joe Whitehead, Randy Woodson, Joni Worthington

1. Chairman Anna Nelson called the formal meeting of the Educational Planning Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Alumni-Foundation Event Center at North Carolina A&T State University.

2. What's New to Know – Dr. Junius Gonzales shared information with the Committee about the many accomplishments that have occurred throughout the University in the past month.

3. North Carolina A&T State University Faculty and Student Presentation – Provost Joe Whitehead introduced Shearon Brown, Professor and Undergraduate Program Coordinator, and Angelica Willis, a junior Computer Science major. Their presentation was a demonstration of faculty mentorship and development of the whole student.

4. Minutes of December 10, 2015 –

With no corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting, it was moved by Mr. Souza and seconded by Mr. Kotis that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion carried.

5. UNC Fall 2015 Enrollment Report –

Ms. Kate Henz gave a presentation of the annual enrollment data for UNC constituent institutions. The Fall Enrollment Report presents the trends in enrollment across the system, focusing on total headcount and strategic areas. The headcount enrollment increased to the highest enrollment ever for the University, total minority enrollment and transfer student enrollment increased, and 87% of the first-time, full-time students enrolling in Fall 2015 were from North Carolina.

6. UNC Degree Program Proposals –

Request for authorization to discontinue the following degree programs:

– Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Appreciation at East Carolina University (CIP 50.0703)

- Bachelor of Science in School Health Education at East Carolina University (CIP 13.1307)

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Powers and seconded by Mr. Hood that the above degree programs be submitted to the Board for approval of discontinuation. Motion carried.

7. East Carolina University Program Consolidation –

Request for authorization to discontinue the following degree programs:

- MAEd in English at East Carolina University (CIP 13.1305)
- MAEd in History Education at East Carolina University (CIP 13.1328)

Request for authorization to establish the following degree program:

- MAEd in Curriculum and Instruction at East Carolina University (CIP 13.0301)

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kotis and seconded by Mr. Souza to approve the discontinuation of the two MAEd degree programs and to approve the establishment of the consolidated MAEd in Curriculum and Instruction degree program. Motion carried.

8. Student Success Symposium April 6, 2016 - SAVE THE DATE

9. Licensure Update – Panel Discussion on SARA

The Board of Governors, in exercising its authority to license post-secondary degree programs in North Carolina, can also exempt institutions from licensure under certain conditions. Many states have given a categorical exemption from licensure for out-of-state higher education institutions to offer distance education programs in their territory. That exemption is granted under the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA).

As of December 2015, 36 states have joined SARA, including 11 of the 16 members in the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). The statute authorizing licensure of out-of-state institutions gives the UNC Board of Governors appropriate authority to join SARA on behalf of the State of North Carolina, should the Board decide to do so.

SARA is a voluntary agreement among its member states and U.S. territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state.

After much discussion around the advantages and disadvantages of North Carolina joining SARA, UNC General Administration, the 16 UNC constituent institutions, the North Carolina Community College System, and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities recommend that the UNC Board of Governors authorize North Carolina to join the SARA reciprocity agreement and designate the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority to serve as the state's SARA portal agency.

It was moved by Mr. Hood and seconded by Mr. Kotis that "The Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs recommends that the UNC Board of Governors joins the national State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) on behalf of the state of North Carolina and designate the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority to serve as the state's SARA portal agency." Motion carried.

Committee Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.