

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Academic Policies Committee
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Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Via Microsoft Teams

Present: *Members:* Abby Hemmerich, Mary Hoffman, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Carol Koroghlanian, Bill Miller, Jamie Tester Morfoot, Dalete Mota, Kati Schaller, Evan Weiher
Guests: Jim Boulter, Margaret Cassidy, Sue Fondrie, Deb Jansen, Kris Knutson, Carol Koroghlanian, Carmen Manning, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek

Presiding: Chair Marquell Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from October 6, 2020

- Motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2020, as distributed. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously (9-0-0).

2. Proposal for Department Name Change: Education Studies to Education for Equity and Justice

- Sue Fondrie was in attendance to provide information and answer questions. DPI changes required modifications throughout the program/major. As changes were discussed, Department also considered their name, wanting it to reflect their values, commitment to EDI, desire to infuse those principles throughout course content, and to produce K-12 teachers that are aware of and sensitive to the issues.
 - Other education departments moving toward a similar name? The word *education* was kept so when students search for a major, the department will still appear. Not aware of others in System.
 - Commendable to highlight equity and justice, but seems to limit the education provided as only equity and justice. Perhaps “Department of Education Studies and Education for Equity and Justice”? Education majors will look for the program or major and not the department name, which remain the same (e.g. Elementary Education, Secondary Education). Makes a statement of the kind of student the department is looking for and the kind of future educator expected to come out of the programs affiliated with the department.
 - Department doesn’t expect the change will affect recruiting and retaining students, see it as a statement of the department’s values? Could have impact. Students who don’t think equity and justice have a place in education may not pursue, hope it means something to students whether they’re in the program or not. Department sought LTS’ advice when discussing rename (e.g. use of *Education* vs *Educating*) due to their concerns regarding prospective students/recruiting/etc.
 - Discussions surrounding changes to licensure have been ongoing for a year with a lot of them coming through APC. Name change reflects overall approach of department and how the department differentiates from other education programs. May deter some students, but could recruit others. All courses/field experiences will be infused with what it means to teach for social justice and equity.
 - APC can expect to continue to receive additional curricular changes for department
 - Other institutions are already using the name -- Rutgers, U of IL, Georgia State
- Motion to approve the proposal for Department Name Change: Education Studies to Education for Equity and Justice proposal. Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

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3. Proposal for Program Name Change: Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies to Public Health and Environmental Studies

- Jim Boulter was in attendance to provide information and answer questions. Request is due to the addition of the new Public Health major and to reflect current program offerings. Consulted with stakeholders outside of the academic program and received significant support. Worked with IMC to analyze search terms, what prospective students are looking for. New name is direct and understandable to prospective and current students. Inclusive of everything the program does. Fits with the University's long-range efforts.
- Interest in becoming a department? Five faculty, have been discussions but want to maintain the interdisciplinary nature. Unlike a department due to the heavy reliance on core courses housed in many departments.
- Change to program name only? Yes.
- Please revise and update the Environmental Science minor.
- Motion to approve the Proposal for Program Name Change: Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies to Public Health and Environmental Studies. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously (9-0-0).

Chair Marquell Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Forcier
Secretary for the Meeting