University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Academic Policies Committee
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Tuesday, April 20, 2021
via Microsoft Teams

Present: Members: Scott Clark, Rahul Gomes, Abby Hemmerich, Mary Hoffman, Marquell Johnson, Carol Koroghlanian, Bill Miller, Jamie Tester Morfoot, Dalete Mota, Kathryn Schaller, Evan Weiher
Guests: Joey Bohl, Margaret Cassidy, Marc Goulet, Debra Jansen, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Prushiek

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from April 20, 2021
   ▪ Motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021, as distributed. Motion was seconded and approved (10-0-0).

2. Proposal for New English Language Test for International Student Admission from the Center for International Education
   ▪ Colleen Marchwick and Joey Bohl were in attendance to provide information and answer questions. Test valid for two years, quality and rigor of test is unknown, looking to do a trial period. Will provide accessibility and will allow UWEC to remain competitive among peer institutions. Test too new for validation, no concordance table except the one provided by Duolingo, need to determine the scores that will work for our students. TOEFL/IELTS are competitors and are losing test market to Duolingo.
   ▪ Acceptable scores are set by each institution, the level necessary for the student to be successful at matriculation. Some institutions have lower score (are able to provide greater support to students).
   ▪ Nothing in conversations indicate that the trial period would be ended or disrupted.
   ▪ Any plans to follow up with students who take the test to compare the score they received in correlation to grades? Require students take another test to compare?
     • Ami Christensen does plan to track test takers. Institutional TOEFL would be another charge to students. Test comparison is an interesting idea.
   ▪ Appreciate the test is more accessible, easier to learn the language when immersed on campus versus studying at home for TOEFL. Students pursuing Nursing need to be informed during admission that due to the College’s accreditation, they are also required to take the TOEFL.
   ▪ It’s not a proctored exam, uses AI intelligence and is also reviewed by human eyes.
   ▪ Motion to approve the proposal for the New English Language Test for International Student Admission via Duolingo. Motion was approved (10-0-0).

3. Review drafts of program review letters
   ▪ Statement will be added to BIOL and EJJ that FTE is justified by number of majors and SCH
   ▪ Biology
     • Recommendation to remove Bullet 2 on Page 2: Explore ways to address concerns regarding time-to-degree (department doesn’t have control over it, mentioned students like to participate in HIPs)
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- Education for Equity & Justice
  - New major is effective September 2021
- Special Education and Inclusive Practices
  - Remove [AND] in Department name?
  - Recommendation No 1 – highlight the need to hire more staff too, can’t accept all students, enrollment caps?
- Marquell will send updated memos to the Committee on Thursday (additional edits are due back to Marquell on Thursday, May 6); Marquell will then send the memos to departments on Friday, May 7 (comments/feedback due back on Friday, May 14); Final memos will be sent to Academic Affairs by May 21.

Chair Marquell Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Forcier
Secretary for the Meeting