

University of Louisville - Faculty Senate - Academic Programs Committee

Committee report for October 4, 2017 Senate meeting

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The Academic Programs Committee (APC) met on September 15, 2017 to review and discuss two new unit program proposals: *School of Public Health and Information Sciences (SPHIS) Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics* and *College of Business (COB) MS in Business Analytics*. APC invited the Senate Planning and Budget Committee to join the meeting; four members of P&B attended, including interim chair David Owen.

APC members present on 9/15/2017:

Robert Barker (Business), Beth Bradley (Arts and Sciences – resigned from APC effective 9/20), Don Demuth (Dentistry), Jasmine Farrier (A&S), and Connie Shumake (ex-officio, Provost's Office)

APC members absent:

Justin Cooper (Education), Gerald Larson (Medicine), Chin Ng (Medicine), JoAnne Sweeney (Law) and Jacek Zurada (Speed – on sabbatical, fall 2017)

Additional guests:

Senator David Owen (A&S, Chair of Senate Planning and Budget, as well as other Senate members of P&B), Kathy Baumgartner, KB Kulasekera, and Eric Nunn (SPHIS), and Jeff Guan and Richard Germain (COB).

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1. APC recommended to the Executive Committee that the SPHIS Certificate go on to the next stage of review by the XC and full body. APC review constituted the first reading of the proposed program. The second reading and discussion will take place at the October 4, 2017 meeting. The proponents of the new Certificate revised their submission to take into account the following questions from 9/15:
 - Submit relevant faculty roster (p. 4).
 - Add details to admission requirements to indicate preferred math and other skills relevant to required coursework (p. 4).
 - Explain the differences between the proposed program and Univ. of Kentucky's (p. 9).
 - Discuss faculty development plan regarding goal of fully online program in five years (p. 9).
 - Alter the Excel budget sheet's listing of five-year goals to reflect academic calendar years.

SPHIS returned the program with all requested revisions/additions on 9/18 and after email circulation among members, APC voted via email on 9/20 to send it forward to XC.

2. APC returned the MS in Data Analytics to the proponents with specific questions/requests:
 - Provide a written commitment of institutional resources in the form of a tuition sharing agreement between the Provost and Dean of COB (pp. 25-25 of the proposal).
 - Include the full Excel spreadsheet of anticipated enrollment and tuition revenue discussed at the meeting (note new appendix around p. 27)
 - Correct the funding sources table for first- and second-year tuition (p. 28 numbers do not match p. 30; use the latter).
 - Perform full-document spellcheck and edit for other typos.
 - Include breakdown of all relevant faculty x-pay and course overload estimates.
 - Attend to and document outcomes of requests from Provost's office detailed in separate email dated 9/7/2017 regarding professional cohort model's approval by University Provost and Program Fee Proposal of differential tuition submission to Tuition & Fee Task Force.