

University of Louisville, Faculty Senate Academic Programs Committee

Committee report for September 6, 2017 Senate meeting by

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The Academic Programs Committee (APC) met on August 11, 2017 to review and discuss the revised draft to the proposed BS in Neuroscience (initial meeting was May 1, 2017) proposed by Drs. Paul DeMarco (A&S, Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences) and William Guido (Medicine, Chair of Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology). This committee review process and vote to recommend to the Executive Committee for full body review constitutes the first reading of the proposed program. The second reading and discussion will take place at the September 6, 2017 meeting.

APC invited the Senate Planning and Budget Committee to join the meeting on August 11, but with the late request only a few (along with David Owen, P&B Chair) were able to attend. Please find a list of other attendees below.

APC members present on 8/11/2017:

Robert Barker (Business), Beth Bradley (Arts and Sciences), Justin Cooper (Education), Don Demuth (Dentistry), Jasmine Farrier (A&S), Chin Ng (Medicine), and JoAnne Sweeney (Law)

APC members absent:

Gerald Larson (Medicine) and Jacek Zurada (Speed – on sabbatical, fall 2017)

Additional guests:

Paul DeMarco, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard (A&S, Dean), Connie Shumake and Tracy Eells (both representing Provost's Office/CPE), Suzanne Meeks (A&S, Chair, Psych), Thomas Riedel (A&S, Chair, Math), Senator David Owen (A&S, Chair of Senate Planning and Budget), as well as other Senate members of P&B).

The meeting began with Professor DeMarco's explaining various changes in the proposal related to APC's previous revision requests in May. One remaining issue from May was the potential impact of the program on various A&S Departments that are part of the degree's prerequisite course load (see proposal, pp. 8-9).

Summary of major additional proposal revisions requested by APC at 8/11 meeting:

1. Office of the Provost and Dean of Arts and Sciences must demonstrate institutional commitment to the proposed BS in Neuroscience by including in the revised proposal a plan in writing to hire a permanent term appointment for the Department of Mathematics to help absorb the anticipated influx of new students beginning in the fall of 2018 (new hire would assist with General Education - not only the BS)
2. A more detailed marketing plan that includes three key components: strategy for broader regional/national recruitment plan that utilizes the three new staff members in the U of L Office of Enrollment Management, possible graduate program pipelines at U of L and elsewhere, as well as a list of faculty/research-intensive opportunities at U of L in various departments (including Summer Research Opportunity Program for undergrads – SROP – and any others).

Final APC vote on sending the revised proposal to the Exec Committee/Full Senate and on Its Merits:

After the proponents circulated the requested final additions/revisions, the committee voted 7-0 with one abstention to recommend the program go to the XC and full body; the committee also voted 8-0 on the merits.