

University of Louisville - Faculty Senate - Academic Programs Committee

Committee report for November 1, 2017 Senate meeting

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The Academic Programs Committee (APC) met on October 13, 2017 to review and discuss three unit program proposals: School of Public Health and Information Sciences (SPHIS) proposed *MS in Data Analytics* and *MS in Health Administration*. APC also reviewed a proposed suspension of the *Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies* currently housed in the Department of Political Science (A&S). 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 10/13/2017:

Robert Barker (Business), Don Demuth (Dentistry), Jasmine Farrier (A&S), and Chin Ng (Medicine).

APC members absent:

Justin Cooper (Education), Gerald Larson (Medicine – non-Senate member), 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, Dean Craig Blakely, Christopher Johnson, Bertis Little, Eric Nunn, Winton Reynolds, (SPHIS); Robert Goldstein (Provost's Office); and Rodger Payne (Chair, Political Science – A&S).

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1. APC returned the *MS in Data Analytics* to its proponents with the following questions:
  - Provide additional details on the proposed degree's market research and industry outreach (p 5).
  - Explain budget narrative and table in more detail, assumption of some tuition sharing (p 19), and internal reallocation and low start-up costs (\$20,000, pp 20-23). Is the current program losing money? Also, there seems to be a blank page in this section.
  - Include some kind of "conversation on collaboration" letter between the Deans of Business and Public Health regarding potential course cross-lists, marketing, distinctive contributions, etc. if both schools ultimately add Master's in Data Analytics (both currently under consideration by the Senate).
2. APC returned the *MS in Health Administration* to its proponents with the following questions:
  - Explain in more depth how the new degree will be integrated into/complement SPHIS's research contributions to current U of L goals (and possibly include NSF grant info here and/or below on point 4 - p 3).
  - Provide additional details on the proposed degree's market research and industry outreach (p 6).
  - Add some information on student impact regarding replacement of Master of Public Health concentration in Population Health Management (pp 11-12).
  - Emphasize distinctions between U of L and other universities currently offering the program (and include the new NSF grant here and on point 1 above - p 19).
  - Add the tuition sharing agreement (p 24).
3. APC voted to report Political Science's (A&S) proposed suspension of the *Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies* to the Senate Executive Committee with a positive recommendation for review and addition to the November 1 full body meeting agenda.

