



## Academic Affairs Committee

September 25, 2020

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Governor Gaffney. The meeting was held in virtual format and livestreamed at wayne.edu. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present:** Governors Busuito, Gaffney, Kelly, Kumar, and Stancato; renèe hoogland, Faculty Representative, Eva Golebiowska, Faculty Alternate Representative; Mannat Bedi, Student Representative and Kamali Clora, Student Alternate Representative

**Also Present:** Governors Barnhill, O'Brien, and Thompson; President Wilson; Provost Clabo; Vice Presidents Burns, Cooke, Lanier, Lindsey, Lessem, Schweitzer, Staebler, and Wright; and Secretary Miller

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES, June 19, 2020**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Kelly and supported by Governor Stancato, the Minutes of the June 19, 2020 Academic Affairs Committee were approved as submitted. The motion carried.

#### **DISCONTINUANCES OF PROGRAMS**

Governor Gaffney introduced Provost Clabo and asked that the committee hear the presentation about the programs being recommended for discontinuance as a group, with a motion to follow.

#### **DISCONTINUANCE OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY IN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Dean Clabo advised that there had been no active students enrolled in this program since Fall of 2011.

#### **DISCONTINUANCE OF A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE (CAM)**

This was an undersubscribed program. Governor Gaffney asked if there were any students currently enrolled. Provost Clabo advised there was one student who completed the program in 2017 and will be awarded this certificate when she completes her graduate program in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice in winter 2021.

**DISCONTINUING A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TRANSCULTURAL NURSING IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING**

There have been no students enrolled in this program since 2002.

With no further questions, Governor Gaffney asked for a motion to approve the discontinuance of these three programs:

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Busuito and supported by Professor. hoogland, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors approve the discontinuance of the following three programs, effective Winter 2020:

- The Bachelor Of Science In Manufacturing Engineering Technology in the College of Engineering
- The Graduate Certificate In Complementary And Alternative Medicine In the College Of Nursing
- The Graduate Certificate In Transcultural Nursing In The College Of Nursing

The motion carried.

**NAME CHANGE OF THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CYBER PHYSICAL SYSTEMS TO THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MOBILITY FROM THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Provost Clabo advised that this an attempt to contemporize the program and include content that will make it more attractive to industry and to current and prospective students. Governor Thompson asked that other than adding an Intro to Mobility course, whether any other substantive content will be added.

Professor Shi from Engineering and Computer Science noted that there are seven tracks and this change will align well. The rationale for the change is that the Cyber Physical System was popular in the academy and much of the content is substantially the same. The SMART transportation track, the connected autonomous vehicles track, networking, sensing, and the equation module are all the same. The new course, called Introduction to Mobility, will give the students an overview of the whole field.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Busuito and supported by Professor hoogland, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors change the name of the Graduate Certificate in Cyber-Physical Systems to the Graduate Certificate in Mobility, effective Winter 2020. The motion carried.

**STATUS REPORT ON ACCREDITATION**

The annual status report on accreditation for the university is an informational report. Other than the Honors College, all schools and colleges have at least one program that is subject to external accreditation requirements and this year, all accredited programs are in full compliance. A challenge moving forward will be virtual site visits anticipated in the upcoming academic year.

Governor Kelly asked about the differing language used in the description of the status of different programs, and whether the university or the agencies requested postponements. Provost Clabo noted that these were situations where the accrediting the body requested postponement of the visits due to the pandemic.

Governor Kelly asked for clarification of a request by the accrediting agency for an annual report, and whether or not that report was provided. Associate Provost Darin Ellis advised that the request was for submission of an annual report, not a request for ongoing monitoring, but he will double check that and report back to Secretary Miller.

Governor Kelly then asked about institutional annual care. VP Steve Lanier responded that there were two items this Fall semester. One was animal care accreditation, and materials were submitted for accreditation in August of 2020 with a site visit scheduled for renewal of the accreditation in November. The site visit for The Human Resource Protection program was just completed, and it is on track as well for December renewal. Governor Gaffney asked Provost Clabo about the four programs whose reviews have been postponed. Provost Clabo noted that those programs were Urology, Preventative Medicine, Communication and Music. Accrediting bodies were planning to reschedule those reviews depending on the status of the pandemic, noting it will be difficult for a program review of Music to occur in a remote environment.

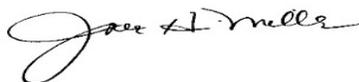
Governor Thompson asked about the status of the university's review of all programs, to make sure that those that are outdated were eliminated, which had been started under former Provost Whitfield. Provost Clabo noted that review is ongoing. Associate Provost Ellis is now in charge of that process and noted that they are working on a revamped degree productivity reporting tool. Information on that tool will be provided to the deans in the next month. Governor Thompson asked about the timeline for further discontinuances. Associate Provost Ellis noted it is an ongoing process of monitoring and adjustment and includes looking for areas where resources are being used effectively and where they might be reallocated. Provost Clabo added that the process that Provost Whitfield initiated will allow the University another data point to look at the production of graduates in those certificate programs and a closer look at the process.

Governor Thompson asked about the budgetary impact of having undersubscribed programs. Provost Clabo noted that it is widely variable and that for example, the two programs recently discontinued in the College of Nursing have zero faculty impact. The faculty who are teaching that content are continuing to teach that content in a new more contemporary process. In those programs, there had been no enrollees for a decade with no tuition impact and no revenue impact.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie H. Miller  
Secretary of the Board