



Academic Affairs Committee

March 12, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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, Ewa Golebiowska, Faculty Alternate Representative; Mannat Bedi, Student Representative and Kamali Clora, Student Alternate Representative

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. January 29, 2021

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Stancato and supported by Governor Kelly, the Minutes of the January 29, 2021 Academic Affairs Committee were approved as submitted. The motion carried.

Governor Gaffney reviewed the committee's agenda and advised that there was one recommendation for establishment and five recommendations for discontinuance of programs for the committee to review. He suggested that the committee consider the establishment item C in a separate vote and the five discontinuances D,E,F,G and H together in one vote. Provost Clabo asked to review items D and E separately and then talk about F,G and H together as they are the closure of the stand-alone concentration in Women's Health in the Nurse Practitioner Program at the College of Nursing. Governor Gaffney concurred.

Governor Gaffney also advised that the annual report on Course Material Fees, the additional fees that students pay at some colleges for class materials and labs, has been rescheduled, and will come to the Committee at its next meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ONLINE PROGRAM FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN PROGRAM EVALUATION

Provost Clabo advised that over the last three Board meetings, the committee has dealt with a number of recommendations to discontinue programs, which have come forward as a result of a year-long review by faculty in the College of Education, who have looked at low enrollment and changes in market demand. Today, the program under consideration is being proposed based on market consideration, and the faculty believe

that there is a significant market for program evaluators. This data is supported by the experience of other universities who have moved in this direction. This new program was approved by the Faculty Senate, the Dean and the Vice Provost for Academic Programs, and includes 33 credit hours of coursework. Governor Gaffney asked whether the skills learned are applicable to the private sector or primarily for the education community? Provost Clabo advised that the faculty see it as having broad based applicability, both in business and other industries, as well as in the education community.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Professor Hoogland and supported by Governor Busuito, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new degree program, the Master of Arts in Program Evaluation in the College of Education, effective Fall term, 2021. The motion carried.

Governor Gaffney then reaffirmed that the next 5 recommendations, which are for discontinuances, will be acted on in one vote, following Provost Clabo's comments, and any questions from committee members.

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ENGLISH EDUCATION (SECONDARY)

Provost Clabo advised that this is a low enrollment program and the content has been included in the larger Master's degree program in the College of Education. The discontinuance was approved by the faculty of the Teacher Education Division, by the Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School and the interim Provost. Professor Hoogland asked if there was any explanation for the program's under enrollment? Provost Clabo advised that the content is largely existing in the traditional master's program now and this specialty master's is no longer of interest in the market.

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING

Provost Clabo reported that this program led to a teaching endorsement as a K-12 reading specialist. There have been changes at the state level since this program was established and the reading specialist endorsement is no longer a part of that process. As literacy coaches do not require this credential as a reading specialist, enrollment in the program has declined. There is a new concentration in literacy instruction coaching that has been proposed as an addition to the Master of Education in teaching and learning. This discontinuance of this program was approved by the faculty of the Teacher Education Division, the Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate Council and the Interim Provost.

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER SPECIALTY
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Provost Clabo reported that while there is a tremendous demand for Nurse Practitioners, the most recent data from the National Association of Nurse Practitioners suggests that there is less than 5% of employment opportunities for Nurse Practitioners that are for stand-alone certified Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health. Nationally, over the last decade, these stand-alone programs have been closing. The faculty in the College of Nursing placed this program on moratorium in 2010 to determine whether there would be a shift in the market, which there has not, and there no longer remains any faculty expertise in stand-alone women's health. The three discontinuances were approved by the faculty at the College of Nursing, the Associate Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs, the Dean of the College and the Interim Provost. Governor Gaffney asked about the national trend for this type of healthcare delivery. Provost Clabo noted that this care is more likely segmented into care provided by Nurse Midwives, and for perinatal health and women's health, by Family Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Kumar noted it was unfortunate that the medical practice environment was not receptive and these programs have to be discontinued as a result. Governor Gaffney asked if it was correct to note that healthcare providers are not looking for these types of employees to deliver this type of service. Provost Clabo advised that was correct. Governor Gaffney if discontinuances could be reconsidered if there were future changes in market environments for programs. Provost Clabo advised that was correct but would note that they would be in the form of new programs to meet current environments and market opportunities. If there were to be an opening in the market for these kind of Nurse Practitioner opportunities, there would have to be faculty with expertise found, and a curriculum built that is contemporary and responsive to current needs.

Governor Busuito commented on Governor Gaffney's statement noting that sometimes what determines demand is the insurance companies and their willingness to provide funding and payments for these services and that drives a lot of what happens in healthcare. Provost Clabo added that Nurse Practitioner programs in the College of Nursing at Wayne State are ranked among the best in the country and if there is a decrease in volume in one specialty, the University is able to increase volume in others. Professor Hoogland noted that it was regrettable that the hard fought for program has to go due to market pressures. Provost Clabo agreed. Governor Gaffney asked if the content of the certificates would be available in other trainings. Provost Clabo advised they could be found in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program, where there is a required content on Women's Health. Governor Thompson asked if there are other schools or colleges of disciplines that are focused on women's health that could fill the need. Provost Clabo advised that stand-alone programs for women's health Nurse Practitioners mostly closed a decade ago. She confirmed that the content is found in the Family Nurse Practitioner programs that focus on women's health and in the Nurse Midwifery programs that focus on perinatal health.

Upon a recommendation from Provost Clabo, Governor Gaffney suggested that the Committee consider the five recommendations as one group for action.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Professor Kelly and supported by Governor Stancato, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the following three Masters, one Doctorate and one Certificate program, with effective dates as noted below:

- Discontinuance of the Master of Education in English Education (Secondary) in the College of Education, effective Fall term 2021.
- Discontinuance of the Master of Education in Reading in the College of Education, effective Fall term 2021.
- Discontinuance of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty, effective Spring/Summer term 2021.
- Discontinuance of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty, effective Spring/Summer term 2021.
- Discontinuance the Graduate Certificate (GC) in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty, effective Spring/Summer term 2021.

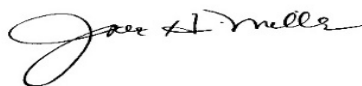
The motion carried.

Governor Gaffney asked for an update on the ACT and SAT tests for fall enrollment 2021. Provost Clabo advised the university remains test optional. Students this spring and particularly, those from underrepresented groups, have not necessarily had access to ACT and SAT's.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie H. Miller
Secretary to the Board of Governors