

Fairmont State University Board of Governors – Academic Affairs Committee
Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 2:00pm
Hardway 219 and Teams
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Gina Fantasia, Jennifer Kinty, Jon Dodds, Debbie Prezioso, Michael Davis, Dianna Phillips, Frank Lafone, Brian Selmeski, Heath Howard, Emily Swain, John Nisbit, and Alicia Kalka

Teams: Riley Neal, Jason Pizatella, Wendy Adkins, and David Goldberg

A. Call To Order

- The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:03 p.m. by Wendy Adkins

B. New Program-M.S. in Environmental Science

- Dr. Dianna Phillips presented the Master of Science in Environmental Science to the committee.
- This is a new, hybrid-delivery program that is designed to attract new and existing students for graduate work.
- This curriculum has gone through the appropriate internal procedure for approval.
- Ms. Wendy Adkins asked if additional faculty are needed for this program. Dr. Phillips indicated no full-time faculty will be hired.
- Ms. Jennifer Kinty asked if students would be enrolled in the fall. Dr. Phillips indicated that it would be unlikely to have students enrolled this fall due to the approval timeline.

C. New Delivery Mode-Online B.S. Criminal Justice Program

- Dr. Phillips presented the proposal to add an online modality for the Criminal Justice program.
- If approved, this will be the first fully online bachelor's degree program at the institution.
- No additional faculty would be required.
- Ms. Kinty asked if the tuition would be discounted for virtual delivery of the program. Dr. Phillips indicated that the undergraduate tuition will be the same for this program as the in-person rate.
 - The group indicated that additional discussion is required related to virtual, flexible, or hyflex delivery of programs.

D. 2023-2024 Program Reviews

- The following programs were reviewed this academic year:
 - B.A National Security and Intelligence
 - B.S. Political Science
 - B.A./B.S. History
 - B.S. Mathematics
 - B.S. Sociology
 - B.S. Forensic Science 1-year follow up
- Dr. Phillips recommends the Board of Governors approve the Program Review Council's recommendations.
- Dr. Phillips indicated that this is the last year for the current Program Review guidelines. Moving forward, the new Series 10 requirements will be implemented.
 - Mr. Frank Lafone stated that this year's programs were beta tested on the new financial model, which will be implemented in Program Reviews moving forward as required by the new Series 10 requirements.
- The group reviewed each program's Executive Summary.
 - B.A National Security and Intelligence: No comments.
 - B.S. Political Science: No comments
 - B.A./B.S. History: This program has difficulty tracking graduates, as many do not go into a specific degree-related field.
 - B.S. Mathematics: This program's faculty teach many service courses for the institution. The program's faculty have discussed creating a data science track for the program. Dr. Phillips notes that having a mathematics program attracts math professors.
 - B.S. Sociology: This program's faculty teach many service courses for the institution. Dr. Phillips indicated that many students enrolled in Middle College will likely be drawn to this program.
 - B.S. Forensic Science 1-year follow up: Many students in this program end up transitioning to related majors at the institution. The program is interested in obtaining external accreditation. The program will remain under review for the coming year.
- Dr. Heath Howard reviewed the financial metrics for these programs under review, based on FY23 financial data, as part of a beta test to assist in determining how the financial metrics should be measured when required next academic year by the new Series 10 requirements.
 - Dr. Gina Fantasia asked if there were any issues with course codes aligning correctly with programs related to revenue generation. Dr. Howard indicated that Sociology and National

Security and Intelligence were impacted, related to personnel expenses not aligning with program code.

- a. Dr. Michael Davis indicated that the more this model is used, the more accurate the information will become.
 - b. Dr. Fantaisa indicated that this information should be viewed through a lens of continuous improvement.
- Dr. Phillips indicated that there is no information presented in the model that is causing alarm. Additionally, this is a comprehensive review that will help the institution better understand the position of programs.
 - Dr. Phillips stated that the Board of Governors will only need to approve the decision of the program reviews, not the financial metrics as the financial metrics in currently informational, not a required component of the program review process.
 - Dr. Fantasia noted that it may be best to present this financial information to the Board of Governors with the caveat that these numbers are preliminary, and in context with the rest of the program review.
 - Ms. Adkins will present to the Board of Governors with context related to new Series 10 requirements that will be effective next academic year and the current requirements of program review.

E. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.



5/30/2024

Wendy Adkins, Committee Chair

Date