

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT
2017 - 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

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I. Proposals - Programs

A.

Reviewed by the Committee 9/28/16 and 10/26/17 meetings Feedback provided regarding clarification of faculty lines, employability of graduates, and impact of losing the minor. Feedback was followed and the proposal was approved by a vote of 8-0 in favor at the 10/26/17 meeting and forwarded to the Senate.

B.

Reviewed by the Committee twice at the 12/14/17 and special 1/8/17 meetings. Feedback provided regarding the number of courses, the nature of some courses as core foundational courses for the field of study, and the value of the minor to students beyond Stockton. Additional questions were raised concerning use of service learning courses, differences or lack thereof with existing minors, and need for description of the seminar course. A revised proposal with clarification and changes was approved and passed by a vote of 7-0 in favor at the 2/22/18 meeting, and forwarded to the Senate.

C.

Reviewed by the Committee twice at the 12/14/16 and 1/25/18 meetings. Originally put forth as a LIBA track/concentration in Biobotanical Studies, immediate concerns raised as to the use of LIBA as an alternative to a major or minor. Also concerns raised regarding the lack of science courses, lack of psychology courses, and uncertainty of career paths for graduates. Suggested that this program may be better off as a concentration in another major (business or chemistry). Heavy dependence on General Studies courses also noted, as were concerns about compensation for coordinating a track such as this. Feedback given to the proposing administrator to take back to the team making the proposal.

The proposal as altered to be a minor and presented at the 3/29/18 meeting of the Committee. Questions raised concerning how the minor would impact the existing Biobotanicals concentration within the Holistic Health minor. After some confusion, it was clarified that this minor would replace that concentration. Concerns were also raised as to the curriculum and how it would be managed. Some concern also raised as to whether Stockton ought to be involved with a field of study that involves what is still federally considered an illegal substance. The proposal was approved by a vote of 9

forwarded to the Senate.

D.

Proposal for a new concentration in Political Science dealing with International Affairs was reviewed at the 9/28/17 meeting. The Committee discussed the impact on other programs, finding none. The proposal was passed by a vote of 8-0 in favor, and forwarded to the Senate.

E.

Proposal for a LIBA concentration related to the Atlantic City campus considered at the 12/14/17 and special 1/8/18 meetings. Concerns raised as to why this was proposed as a LIBA and not a major, and that the proposal was too specified to be considered a LIBA. Original proposal created a new acronym CLCE, so confusion as to whether it was a new program or a LIBA that used courses in other programs. The specificity of the G-courses required, the overuse of G courses, the use of required summer courses, as well as concerns over the supervision of internships also were significant concerns raised at the first reading. At the second reading additional concerns were raised as the proposal took away the CLCE acronym, but still seemed to exceed the limit of 4 GSS courses per student program. Changes suggested concerning wording of learning outcomes, and support of other programs from which faculty would be pulled. Several members still felt that this was a new major and not a LIBA. Concerns expressed that the matter of LIBAs and their use as incubators for new majors needed to be dealt with by the Senate and administration. Approved pending revision by a vote of 5 in favor and 4 opposed, and sent forward to the Senate.

III. Closure of Program Notifications

V. Committee Business

A.

The elected representative from the School of Business was unable to serve, but no replacement was elected until December of 2017. This was an apparent oversight by the Dean and the Senate, but in the future committee representation needs to be verified by the first meeting of the committee in September. If a seat is not filled, an election needs to be held before the first committee meeting to provide a replacement.

Similarly, the Graduate Student Representative never attended a meeting of the committee, and no undergraduate representative was ever provided.

B.

do not attend meetings?

- Would it make sense to require proposers be tenured or at least tenure track?
- Can we require letters from affected programs must be submitted with the original proposal?
- Should Senate announce proposals to the full faculty before they come to AP&P, to allow

provided valuable insights and perspectives to the discussions and deliberations of the Committee.