

Fairmont State University Board of Governors – Academic Affairs Committee
Monday, October 2nd at 2:00pm
Hardway 219 and Teams
Meeting Minutes

Present: President Davis, Gina Fantasia, Susan Ross, Ken Fettig, Jon Dodds, Christa Kwiatkowski, Cheryl Lewis, Emily Swain

Teams: Debbie Prezioso, Cailey Murray, Wendy Adkins, Josh Smallridge, Olivia O'Connor,

Absent: Dianna Phillips, David Golberg, Jason Pizatella

Call to Order

Wendy Adkins called the October 2nd Academic Affairs Committee meeting to order at approximately 2:05pm.

- Dr. Susan Ross provided an update on the New Program: Music Minor
 - Dr. Ross reviewed the curriculum process. She reported that the Music Minor curriculum followed the Curriculum Committee process and was approved.
 - Christa Kwiatkowski requested clarification on the program budget.
 - Gina Fantasia noted this minor will be beneficial to teacher education programs.
 - The group discussed the benefits of revamping the program.
 - Wendy Adkins noted the media had announced the development of a minor in music in August. This notification serves as the official notice.
- Dr. Susan Ross provided an update on the New Program: Theater Minor
 - Dr. Ross reviewed the curriculum process. She reported that the Theater Minor curriculum followed the Curriculum Committee process and was approved.
- Dr. Susan Ross provided an overview of a recommendation to discontinue the Journalism Education program.
 - There has been no student enrollment or faculty support for seven years and is no longer recognized as a priority in schools.
 - This discontinuation will need to go before the Board of Governors for final approval.
 - The committee discussed the program review process as related to programs like this that are specializations under a broader degree.

- The Office of the Provost is continuing to work on the program discontinuation process for the new Series 10 requirements
- The committee discussed the process for discontinuation and program review for programs with specialization, such as Education with several specializations.
 - Dr. Davis noted that Board Policy states a program can be discontinued with a letter from the chair to the president.
 - The Academic Affairs committee suggested that the Journalism Education program go through an individual program review before discontinuation, which could take place this cycle, using the program review process currently used.
- Dr. Susan Ross provided an overview of the Intent to Plan the Distance Education/Online B.S. in Criminal Justice.
 - The College of Liberal Arts is working to create a 4+1 program (Bachelor's to Masters in 5 years).
 - There will be an in-person track and online track for Criminal Justice.
 - Christa Kwiatkowski discussed the related funding/budget concerns.
 - The Provost's Office will recommend that the Board of Governors approve an Intent to Plan to go through the curriculum approval process.
- Dr. Susan Ross provided an overview of the academic program review process.
 - The following programs will be reviewed this cycle (under existing process):
 - College of Liberal Arts
 - B.A. History
 - B.S. History
 - B.A. National Security and Intelligence
 - B.A. Political Science
 - B.S. Sociology
 - College of Science and Technology
 - B.S. Mathematics
 - Dr. Ross discussed the metrics that are being developed for the new Series 10 requirements.

Adjournment

Wendy Adkins adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45pm.



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Wendy Adkins, Committee Chair

Date