

**Educational Policy Committee Minutes
December 1, 2021, 3-4:20pm, Williams 351**

In Attendance: Mary Beth Deily (COB, chair); Linda Bell (RAS); Paul Salerni (CAS); Lori McClaind (DOS); Wenxin Liu (RCEAS); Rosa Zheng (RCEAS); Ray Pearson (Faculty Senate); Ginny McSwain (CAS); Nobuko Yamasaki (CAS); Jennifer Jensen (Provost's Office); Steven Wilson (Registrar, secretary). Guests: Cheryl Matherly (OIA); Nathan Blose (RAS).

Attending via Zoom: Katrina Zalatan (COB); Susan Szczepanski (CAS); Paolo Bocchini (RCEAS); Xiaosong (David) Peng (COB); Albert Xinliang Liu (COH).

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting of November 10, 2021

Approved without amendment.

2. Announcements

- a. This is the last meeting of the semester; please review the spring dates and add these to your calendars.
- b. CAS is currently revising curriculum. Since CAS is responsible for much of the distro courses across campus, is this a risk of confusion, etc.? What should other colleges prepare?

McSwain responded that CAS is aware of this as a concern, and that the proposal (still in draft form) will add to critical areas, but will not (as an intent) depart substantially from the current curriculum. Szczepanski added that she will present the results in due course, at a future meeting; plan will not be ready for Fall 2022, maybe not even Fall 2023. Colleges should have time and opportunity to respond and adjust to the changes.

3. Course acronyms – Changes to Subject Codes (e.g., Math or Eco)

- a. Guidance for departments desiring to change acronyms or have separate acronyms for separate majors
- b. Can a minor have a separate acronym?
- c. Process for changing acronyms

Szczepanski describes issue. Proposes that name change come to EdPol? Several varieties of the change, including (but not limited to): (1) easy swap. (2) deactivate. (3) most substantial change, name, description, and co-reqs? Etc.

RAS reps respond: formal approval by committee would be positive; CIM work would follow as necessary. Jensen adds that the resource costs (time and opportunity borne by RAS) should be taken into account. Blose notes that all instances of the previous codes would necessarily change, as well.

Deily proposed to bring the issue to the Faculty Senate for consideration. Registrar Wilson will collect references for standards and practices for academic nomenclature.

4. Update from Cheryl Matherly, Vice President/Vice Provost for International Affairs

Matherly reviewed the success of LIR, and the decision to end the program, due to the resumption of travel and visa processing. Despite ongoing challenges, the pandemic has not resulted in dramatic losses in international student enrollment at Lehigh. E.g.: there were NO “stranded” students remaining. She summarized the data from the OISS Annual report, which was released in November 2021 (attached).

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM

Outstanding Items to be Carried Forward

- a. Diversity and Inclusion: Now that the University’s DI&E plan has been released, EdPol will invite Henry Odi to report on the findings and goals in the plan.
- b. R&P 3.7.3.1 Final Examinations: Proposed revision for cases where an emergency requires the cancelation of scheduled final exams.
 - i. Current R&P on Finals exams
 - ii. Short revision, with minutes of previous EdPol discussions in 2020
 - iii. Complete version of proposal