

Committee on Academic Programs and Planning Annual Report, Academic Year 2022 – 2023

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2022-2023 Committee Activities

The Committee on Academic Programs and Planning meets once a month in the academic term, as published on the committee's website, whenever there is a proposal to review. This academic year, the committee met five times. Five proposals for new undergraduate degrees, one new graduate program, accelerated routes into two graduate programs, and three informational items were sent to the committee.

Proposals:

New undergraduate degrees

- BS Accounting Program
 - This was approved by APP in the previous academic year but did not go through faculty senate approval in AY 21-22. The School of Business adjusted the proposal to meet formatting changes required by the State of New Jersey. APP had no additional feedback and forwarded the proposal to Faculty Senate with the recommendations of the previous academic year.
- BS Finance Program
 - This was approved by APP in the previous academic year but did not go through faculty senate approval in AY 21-22. The School of Business adjusted the

proposal to meet formatting changes required by the State of New Jersey. APP had no additional feedback and forwarded the proposal to Faculty Senate with the recommendations of the previous academic year.

- Business Analytics
 - This was approved by APP in the previous academic year but did not go through faculty senate approval in AY 21-22. The School of Business adjusted the proposal to meet formatting changes required by the State of New Jersey. APP had no additional feedback and forwarded the proposal to Faculty Senate with the recommendations of the previous academic year.
- e-Sports Management
 - This was a new proposal, reviewed at APP's September and October meetings. All of the committee's initial questions were addressed and the proposal was forwarded to faculty senate. Faculty senate reviewed the proposal in December and January, with a split vote to approve the proposal.
- Education and Human Development
 - This was a new proposal, reviewed at APP's February and March meetings. All of the committee's initial questions were addressed, with substantive changes made that strengthened the proposal significantly, and the proposal was forwarded to faculty senate. It was reviewed by faculty senate in March and April.

New graduate degree

- MS Accounting
 - This was a new proposal, reviewed at APP's February and March meetings. All of the committee's initial questions were addressed and the proposal was forwarded to faculty senate. It had a first reading at the senate's April meeting.

New accelerated pathways

- American Studies 4+1 with PHIL/POLS
 - This proposal expands the number of undergraduate majors that can serve as entry points into an accelerated MA in American Studies, building directly upon the expansion of AY 2021-22. It was forwarded to faculty senate after a single reading at our October meeting with a recommendation to approve. Faculty senate approved the proposal after a single reading at their November meeting.
- Public Health Dual Degree BS/MPH
 - This is an accelerated 4+1 degree pathway. It was reviewed at APP's February and March meetings. All of the committee's initial questions were addressed and the proposal was forwarded to faculty senate. It had a first reading at the senate's April meeting.

Informational items

- Family Nurse Practitioner track
 - This is considered by the State of New Jersey to be an informational item only, not requiring formal approval. APP reviewed the proposal in January, as did faculty senate.
- Communication Studies track name change
 - Name changes required new CIP codes and are reviewed by the State of New Jersey under a less rigorous procedure than new programs. The proposal was reviewed at APP's January and February meetings, the committee not seeing justification for the change that would be sufficient for the State in the initial proposal. It was on the faculty senate at the March meeting.
- Environmental Studies curricular adjustments
 - This was an informational item only and needed no recommendation from APP. The curriculum has been revised to better needs the needs of the program.

Other Committee Business

- A proposal was reviewed by APP that had been pulled by their dean from review by Deans Council as being not yet ready for review. That information was not conveyed to APP. The Procedure for Academic Program Proposal, Maintenance, and Closure (the Life Cycle document), makes clear that review by Dean' council is step 1, with APP review as step 2. Nothing in the procedure prevents both from happening concurrently, and that has frequently been the practice. APP suggests that this not be the case moving forward as it can lead to different versions of the proposal being approved at the two levels and confusion as to whether or not a proposal is ready for review by APP.