

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

AAAC  
*Academic Affairs Advisory Committee*

Thursday, November 17, 2016  
1:00 p.m. – Grad Programs Conference Room

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~ *Minutes* ~

**Members Present:** Ricardo Alfaro, Aviva Dorfman, Jan Furman, Dan Lair, Greg Laurence (Chair), Marilyn McFarland, and Jie Song

**Absent:** Doug Knerr and Tamim Reza

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Greg Laurence.

**Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2016** ► A motion was made and supported to approve the Minutes of November 3, 2016, as amended. Motion carried.

**B.S. in Substance Use Treatment and Intervention** ► Much discussion took place regarding the proposed B.S. in Substance Use Treatment and Intervention in terms of opportunities in the job market, the potential revenue (but also, lack of attrition built into the budget), and additional faculty/staff required. The main concern of the Committee was what kind of job opportunities would be available at the Bachelor degree level.

A decision was made to table the agenda item until Greg could garner additional information regarding the Committee's concern about employability at the Bachelor level.

**M.S. in Leadership and Organizational Dynamics** ► (*Greg did not vote on this agenda item.*) The Committee reviewed the proposed M.S. in Leadership and Organizational Dynamics and support on behalf of the Graduate Board. Little discussion occurred with a motion made and supported to approve the new major. Motion carried.

**Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care** ► (*Marilyn did not vote on this agenda item.*) Marilyn answered all questions that the Committee had regarding the proposed Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care which mainly involved what kinds of individuals would be interested in this certificate program. Marilyn indicated that those interested would most likely be DNP's and people with Master's degrees. She indicated that hospitals now require that individuals hold this kind of certification to practice in an acute care setting so there is a large demand for this type of additional certification. A suggestion was made by the Committee to eliminate the "Doctor of Nursing Practice" as part of the title because it is confusing and just call it, "Post-Master's Certificate for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners." A motion was made and supported to approve the certificate program. Motion carried

**Faculty Council Report** ► Jan reported the following:

- Faculty Council, in alignment with the Code, approved the addition of faculty representatives on all of the standing committees to represent the School of Nursing. Rie Suzuki will serve as the SON representative on AAAC and will be included at the next meeting. New SON members will only be serving through April 30, 2017, at which time a new election will take place for three-year terms consistent to all standing committee appointments.

- The Library requested that a representative from their unit be appointed to serve on Faculty Council, AAAC, and CAC/BSP. Faculty Council approved their request for a representative from their unit to serve on Faculty Council, but are reviewing the request for the other two committees.
- SACUA established a tri-campus committee to look at faculty governance. Faculty Council indicated that they were going to participate on behalf of the Flint campus and appointed two representatives to serve: Tom Wrobel and John Ellis.
- Faculty Council will be discussing the most recent Government Faculty Meeting by doing a recap at the next meeting.
- A Committee from AAUP requested support from Faculty Council to hold discussions regarding faculty governance. Faculty Council has not made a decision. AAAC members indicated that it is important to note that this initiative is research-based and is not a part of the Provost's initiative nor SACUA's. These are three different initiatives.

**Matters Arising** ► Members expressed an interest to either formulate or review the guidelines in place for making calendar decisions. The current guidelines are very old. Some felt that current guidelines in place would help in answering questions that may arise as calendars are generated in the future. Greg indicated that he would add that as an agenda item for the December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.