**New Jersey Presidents’ Council**

**Academic Issues Committee**

September 3, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Present by Zoom:

Sue Henderson, AIC Chair – NJCU

Nurdan Aydin – NJCU

Eva Skuka – Berkeley College

David Stout – Brookdale Community College

Rafael Castilla – Eastwick College

Chris Capuano – Fairleigh Dickinson University

Joseph Marbach – Georgian Court University

Jeff Toney – Kean University

Robert Schreyer – Mercer County Community College

Linda Scherr – Middlesex County College

Pamela Scott-Johnson – Monmouth University

Kimberly Hollister – Montclair University

Basil Baltzis - NJIT

Deborah Preston – Raritan Valley Community College

Roberta Harvey – Rowan University

James Burkley – Rutgers University

Jennifer Palmgren – TCNJ

Jeffrey Osborn - TCNJ

Also present by Zoom:

David Birdsell – Kean University

Jennifer Fitzgerald – NJCU

Allison Samay – NJPC

Lori Harris-Ransom - OSHE

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 28, 2021 Meeting

Dr. Marbach moved for approval of the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Baltzis. Minutes were approved.

1. Report from the Chair

1. New Programs
2. **Monmouth University**
   1. D.S.W. in Human Rights Leadership, CIP 44.0701

First Reader: Jeff Toney, Kean University

Second Reader: Jeffrey Osborn, TCNJ

Dr. Toney was unable to review the program. The second reader Dr. Osborn stated the institution acknowledges this program will exceed their mission and will be the fourth doctoral degree program if approved. The program will be offered as an online synchronous model with a week long summer intensive residency each year. International faculty will be brought in during residency periods. Accreditation will not be sought, but the curriculum was modeled after the Council of Social Work Education standards. The curriculum is both project and case based and interdisciplinary in scope. The assessment plan shows an ongoing cycle of assessment via direct and indirect methods. The consultant was highly qualified and performed a virtual site visit. The consultant believes the existing resources are more than adequate, but the institution plans to hire an assistant professor for the D.S.W. and M.S.W. program to free up the existing faculty to contribute to the doctoral program. A program director, administrative assistant, and adjuncts will also be hired. The consultant stated the outcomes assessment does not directly address how the specific D.S.W. learning outcomes are to be evaluated. Additionally, the consultant recommended the proposal be modified and directly linked with outcomes assessment to the stated learning outcomes. The proposal was modified based on the consultant recommendations. A cohort model will be used with an anticipation of 10-15 students per cohort and a projection of 37 students by year three. A market research assessment was conducted, and there is a strong student and faculty interest in the program. Dr. Osborn recommended the proposal move forward to the Presidents’ Council. The motion was carried. Dr. Scott-Johnson recused.

V. For Your Information

1. **Camden County College**
   * + - Nomenclature change **from** A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology **to** A.A.S. in Veterinary Nursing, CIP 01.8301
2. **Kean University**

* Termination of M.A. Hindi and Urdu Language Pedagogy, CIP 13.1306
* Two New Graduate Certificates:
  + School Nursing, Instructional, CIP 51.3808
  + School Nursing, Non-Instructional, CIP 51.3808

1. Old Business
2. **Eastwick College** 
   * + 1. B.S. in Nursing, CIP 51.3801 (previously submitted on 7/28/2021)

First Reader: \*Marsha Pollard, Berkeley College

Second Reader: Joseph R. Marbach, Georgian Court University

\*Dr. Skuka stated there is undisputed value in an LPN to BSN program, however the institution has not clearly described how the proposed program will serve and meet the needs of all working LPN’s via a program that is different from the existing programs. The institution states that its value proposal among private institutions is strong to include one institution, an equitable transfer policy, straightforward and competitive program costs, lower opportunity costs, and shorter time to completion. It is unclear in the original proposal, as well as in the submission response, how the transfer credit policy will provide equitable opportunities to LPN’s that graduated outside the institution’s practical nurse program. Therefore, the value proposition of a new program proposal should extend beyond one institution. A revised projection of anticipated enrollment was provided. Although the New Jersey Board of Nursing does not provide specific restrictions to the maximum enrollment capacity for provisionally accredited RN programs it does state that a nursing program on provisional accreditation shall only graduate one class per calendar year. Therefore there is a possibility that the New Jersey Board of Nursing may provide recommendations for limitation of enrollment during the provisional approval phase of the program. The institution provided cost revenue projections. Despite a few minor discrepancies between the enrollment numbers appearing at the top of the table and the information provided in the budget notes box, the program budget includes the necessary details for an assessment of the financial support that the institution will give to the program for an opportunity of a successful implementation. Admission criteria and the Transfer Credit Policy were provided. A more defined admission criteria and clearer Transfer Credit Policy of general education courses specific to the program would have helped provide a clear picture of the bridge aspect of the program, which in turn would help to assess the overall cost of the program. There is a sound plan to expand the existing clinical agreements to include the new program as well as to establish new agreements with new facilities. Dr. Skuka recommended the proposal to move forward to the Presidents’ Council. The second reader Dr. Marbach stated the institution addressed the five main concerns overall and make a case for the LPN to BSN program. Enrollments were adjusted to take into account any time delays, so he is satisfied that the institution has a realistic understanding of what their audience is going to be. The budget makes it clear the program is viable. Dr. Marbach seconded the motion for the proposal to move forward to the Presidents’ Council. Dr. Harvey confirmed Rowan University accepts the response of Eastwick College to their original objection, and Dr. Hollister confirmed Montclair University accepts their response as well. The motion was carried. Dr. Castilla recused.

1. **3+1 Programs**

A few minor adjustments were made to the draft of the 3+1 Policy. The committee agreed the language should be added to the manual pending approval by Presidents’ Council. Upon approval by the Presidents’ Council Dr. Preston will work on the necessary appendices that should accompany the new policy. Dr. Stout motioned to move the drafted policy forward to the Presidents’ Council, and Dr. Capuano seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

1. New Business