

TCNJ Steering Minutes

April 1, 2020

Google Meetup

In attendance: Jennifer Palmgren, Ryan Gladysiewicz, Bill Keep, Martha Stella, Lee Ann Riccardi, Shaun Wiley, Laurel Leonard, Tom Hagedorn, Nelly Sanchez and Suchir Govindarajan.

The committee accepted approval of minutes from March 4, 2020.

New Business

1. Proposed revision to governance to support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Steering received memo from Kerri Thompson Tillett, Maurice Hall, and James Felton. With the new VP on board, there is a new opportunity for structure changes and governance changes which would allow for more diverse representation across campus. Steering discussed possibilities with Kerri, Maurice and James regarding advantages of planning councils and committees and influence on policy and procedures. We asked for an amended memo based on the conversation.
2. Request from Nursing for flexibility in pass/fail requirements
Carole Kenner and Sharon Byrne discussed that the state will hold all nursing programs accountable for clinical requirements. All other nursing programs in the state have been exempted from allowing a pass-fail option. TCNJ Nursing Department is requesting that majors can only request 6 courses which can be ungraded. This only affects 6-10 students. It was approved with one opposed. Shaun will send to Academic Affairs.
3. Music technology minor charge and proposal
Motion to send to CAP (*one abstention*).
Action: Shaun will send to CAP.
4. Broadcast journalism minor charge and proposal
Motion to send to CAP (*one abstention*).
Action: Shaun will send to CAP.
5. SGA memo on attendance policy for virtual classes
Discussion regarding revised attendance policy and other accommodations for in-classroom discussion requirements. Bill will email faculty, but there will be no policy change.

Old Business

1. CAP recommendation for Anthropology major
Motion to send to Academic Affairs.
Action: Shaun will send to Academic Affairs.
2. CAP recommendation for Environmental Sustainability Education certificate
Motion to send to Academic Affairs.
Action: Shaun will send to Academic Affairs.
3. CFA recommendation on Librarian RPD
Motion to send to Academic Affairs.
Action: Shaun will send to Academic Affairs.

The following were discussed online after the meeting:

1. Review Spring 2020 Ungraded Option policy
The Undergraduate Admissions Office received a question from a prospective transfer student about whether TCNJ will accept Spring 2020 P/F courses from other institutions. We will submit a suggested update to CAP for the Undergraduate Transfer Credit policy for all transfer courses, including those from current students and prospective students.
2. Modified scholarly expectations [charge](#) as a result of COVID-19
The State and AFT will not allow an extension, so our only option is to suggest a change of disciplinary standards. We discussed and approved a charge to CFA (three abstentions).