# Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 5th, 2023

10-11:30am

Education 123 Conference Room

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## Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Danielle Solano; Alice Hays; Eduardo Montoya; Heidi He; Jing Wang; John Deal; Michael Szolowicz; Tiffany Tsantsoulas; Tommy Holiwell; Larry Gonzales

### Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved- John motioned, Eduardo seconded- all approved.

### Approval of Minutes September 21, 2023

<https://csub.box.com/s/rv4dn6xxc2arxx2addtplqecc69ieic5>

Dani called for discussion- Heidi moved to approve, Michael seconded, all approved.

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### Announcements/Pending Referrals

1. **RES 232403 - Definitions of Undergraduate Concentrations and Emphases**

Passed! There were a couple of minor, friendly amendments to the language, but it overall passed! Dani requested a prize for being the first amendment passed this year! 😊

### Resolutions

1. **2023-2024 #18 - Posthumous Degree Policy**  
   <https://csub.box.com/s/w924t4ty1ey00t2hum0lun2202y0vgy9>

Dani asked NSME folks regarding the section on graduate programs (Biology responded that they saw no problems…Geology did not respond). Jing asked Health Care Admin and Public Admin, and they gave us the green light. Tiffany asked for feedback from History, Spanish and English, and History responded that they hadn’t really thought about it. No changes from anyone else.

Dani drafted a resolution. We word smithed the language on the rationale. Heidi moves to approve, Michael seconded- all approved. Dani will forward that to Aaron.

### Referrals

1. **2023-2024 #10 - Bylaws Changes—Standing Committee Chairs**  
   <https://csub.box.com/s/ug9hg1kcidjkvxzsbb2wccimgcee4o3c>

Dani forwarded our feedback to Aaron. Dani isn’t sure if we want to develop a resolution ourselves since faculty affairs is also working on this. We can propose a resolution, or just wait to see what they come up with, and then edit. John brought up the idea that it might be better to have two on the table…Michael suggested we wait and provide feedback on their draft to not duplicate work. We agreed to wait and see what faculty affairs will come up with.

### Pending Referrals

### Nursing DNP Program Proposal

<https://csub.box.com/s/pith1zw08rm0uo0yuq5dvgrg9j8bph2q>

Heidi forwarded the documents to the committee, but we cannot act on it yet as we are waiting on the official referral. Heidi let us know that the proposal is being forwarded to Debra Jackson, although she is currently on leave. It has been approved at the NSME level. Assuming there aren’t too many changes at Debra Jackson’s level, we should get it soon.

The nursing department currently has an MSN/FNP program. They have an additional scope of practice than a BSN because an NP can do more and write prescriptions etc. Because the health care environment is complex, the standards have increased and now all NPs are to be at the doctoral level by 2025. This is now the national standard. If we don’t transition, the FNPs will no longer be able to take the national certification exam, which means they can’t practice. This is not about “if” but “when”. All CSU is in process of transitioning. Only one program, CSULB opened their program this fall. They just started their first one. We are expecting to do it by 2025. We are ahead of many others in the process. DNP/NP program is an 8-semester program for people who want to be nurse practitioner.

Heidi gave an overview of the program. The MSN is currently 5 semesters. Her last MSN cohort will graduate in 2025. Then in Fall 2025, she wants to admit DNP students. For them to stay competitive, she wants to provide a pathway so they can get their doctorate. That will be a 4-semester program.

The CSU chancellor’s office will require all DNP prepared to be faculty in addition to nursing. Curriculum development is part of the required content to be covered. So, we might as well offer them a certificate program. If they add just three more courses, they will be eligible for national certification as nurse educator. So, the DNP prepared graduates, are eligible to get the certificate in just one more semester. The certificate program will be open to anyone who is in the community who has a graduate degree in nursing and wants to be a faculty member- they can take the curriculum courses to become certified nurse educators so they can meet the demand for nurse educators. The post-graduate certificate program is not a degree program, so it doesn’t go to Chancellor’s office, so it is a separate proposal.

Heidi also has an MSN moratorium proposal as well. That is separate but needs to be sure that the DNP program will be approved before she discontinues the MSN. There are ultimately three proposals: (1) DNP; (2) MSN moratorium; and (3) Nurse educator certificate proposal.

Questions:

Who are target students? Current nurse practitioners?

Once you practice, they won’t take your credential away, so you are grandfathered in, but to get promoted, you must have the degree. We want to provide a pathway for those people. (Example, the ones who graduate in Spring of 2025 with only the MSN degree would quickly not be compatible.)

Current students (37 enrolled) have a pathway to go right in. Would they be reapplying?

Yes- they'd have to reapply. People who have clinical experience are stronger. For example, Heidi is suggesting that students who finish the MSN should have a year of experience before they apply to the DNP.

So, are program requirements different than the MSN to get in?

Yes- definitely. They need experience to move on.

Michael thanked Heidi for the national context, and commended the way that it could help the community.

So, the MSN would go away?

Yes. It will be replaced by the DNP. There are 41 new courses in this proposal. Trying to align the courses so that students from both MSN-to-DNP and DNP-NP can be in same room to be more efficient with faculty.

Heidi asked if the routing form would come to AAC (that will include syllabi for each course) ….Dani responded that yes, AAC should get that.

The goal will be to have 100 graduate students in the program. They have done a study to ask RNs about their interest in the program. 180 RNs responded to survey, 90% of them said they CSUB would be their first choice if we were to have a DNP. For the NPs, they sent out a survey, and 115 replied, and 97% said they were likely to choose CSUB for their DNP.

Jing asked about the types of resources needed to support this program. Appendix M has the resources. Current costs for MSN Tuition income are $320,0000 and faculty costs are $380,000. DNP is $1.5 million tuition, and faculty salary is $915,000. All the lab space, faculty etc. will all transition to DNP. We will have to hire 3 more faculty in all. The first year, we are ready with faculty, but will need to hire 1 new person each year for the next few years.

We won’t be able to officially look at it until Debra gets through it. We may have it on our agenda for next meeting.

### BPA Advising Center Name Change

We are waiting on the official referral. Katie was waiting on information from the Dean, and since it is an academic advising center, they need to refer it to us. BPA wants to take Student Support Services out of their name. Ultimately, the goal is to ensure that people have gone through the proper procedures.

* 1. **Proposal for ACS Biochemistry Degree**

We are waiting on the updated proposal. This was held back because of concentration and emphases, so it was proposed as an emphasis. They are going to fix the catalogue copy, and then send it back through the NSME curriculum committee before we officially get it.

### Open Forum

Heidi thanked everyone for allowing her to share the exciting news.

10:46am- Meeting adjourned