

Education Committee Annual Report 2017-2018

The committee met nine times this year, including its annual joint meeting with the Information Technology and Libraries committees.

New programs

Much of the work of the committee involves reviews of new program proposals. Once a proposal has passed its reviews by the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and by the Council of Deans, it is forwarded to the Education Committee, where it is assigned to a subcommittee. In the absence of unanswered questions or controversial issues, the subcommittee usually completes its work in time for the next monthly committee meeting, where the proposal is discussed and, if approved, forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee and Senate plenary for final approval. If the subcommittee requires more time to resolve questions, it submits its questions to the contact person for the program proposal or meets with other contacts to resolve remaining issues. In such instances a subcommittee review may take two or three months. The following programs were reviewed in the past year (Senate approval dates in parentheses):

- M.S. in Genetic Counseling (P&S) (2/2/18)
- Dual Master's in Public Health and a Master of Science in Bioethics (MSPH and SPS) (2/23/18)
- M.D./M.A. in Biomedical Informatics (P&S and GSAS) -- pending 4/ 27/18
- Certificate in Comparative Media (GSAS) (under review)

New program not requiring full Senate approval

- CPA in Clinical and Translational Research (MSPH): approved 4/23/18.

Five-year reviews

The five-year reviews are conducted by a standing subcommittee of the Education Committee. The subcommittee consisted of Jim Applegate, Mary Byrne, Irving Herman and Chuck Basch.

- Dual M.I.A./M.P.A. (SIPA and London School of Economics) -- approved
- Advanced Certificate in Psychoanalytic Studies (GSAS) -- continues under review
- The scheduled five-year review of 25 statutory certificates (MSPH) has been postponed at the school's request because the school was reviewed for reaccreditation this year. Provost Begg has advised the school to do one report covering all 25 certificates, which should be submitted shortly.

New degree

- Master of Professional Studies degree (SPS) (9/15/17)

The School of Professional Studies has proposed to offer a Master of Professional Studies degree in addition to the M.S. degree currently offered, to help differentiate the school's programs of study from those of other schools of the University. Programs of study in the School of Professional Studies that have previously been duly approved for fulfillment of the degree of Master of Science

may, subject to Office of the Provost approval and any necessary governmental approvals, be accepted for fulfillment of the degree of Master of Professional Studies.

New department

The committee completed its review of the proposal for the establishment of a new Department of Medical Humanities and Ethics in the College of Physicians and Surgeons:

Dr. Anne Taylor, Vice Dean, Academic Affairs, College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Dr. Rita Charon, Professor of Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center and prospective inaugural chair of the department, had visited the committee on April 7, 2017, to explain the reasons for the establishment of the new Department. Following additional reviews during the summer of 2017,

- A Resolution to Create a Department of Medical Humanities and Ethics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons (9/15/17) was approved with the required supermajority of senate votes.

Guests of the Education Committee

- Maneesha Aggarwal (Executive Director, Academic IT Solutions) (12/1/17) presented a follow-up on the introduction of Canvas, the new learning management system and successor of Sakai in CourseWorks. The transition appears to have been smooth. Online tutorials are available for the faculty and specific requests for additional tools are being considered.
- Soulaymane Kachani (Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning) met with the committee to discuss the findings presented by Sen. Shelley Saltzman (SPS) of English proficiency requirements upon enrollment in the different schools of the university. A few schools state on their web sites that there is no minimum score on required exams for English proficiency. Some professors require new students to take English over the summer before starting a graduate program, but there are programs that begin their year in the summer and some require summer math boot camps. It is difficult for students to study English at the same time as they began a graduate program.

The annual Joint meeting of Education, Information Technology and Campus Planning committees was held on April 2, 2018. Main topic: classrooms, with presentation by Barry Kane, the University Registrar.

Acknowledgments

We wish to recognize the efforts of Vice Provost for Academic Programs Melissa Begg and her colleague Associate Provost Jim Glover, who continue the tradition of a strong collaboration between the Provost's Office and the Senate Education Committee in the implementation of their respective tasks.

L. Moss-Salentijn

J. H. Applegate

Co-chairs

Education Committee 2017-2018

Ten.	James Applegate	Co-Chair	A&S/NS	sen
Ten.	Charles Basch		TC	sen
Ten.	Irving Herman		SEAS	sen
Ten.	Hope Leichter		TC	nonsen
Ten.	W. Ian Lipkin		SPH	sen
Ten.	Letty Moss-Salentijn	Co-Chair	CDM	sen
Ten.	Samuel C. Silverstein		P&S	sen
Nonten.	Mary Byrne		NURS	sen
Nonten.	Shelley Saltzman		SPS	sen
Nonten.	Joseph Ulichny		A&S/NS	sen
Stu.	Izzet Kebudi		SEAS	sen
Stu.	Hanzhi (Teresa) Zhao		SEAS	sen
Stu.	Luna Koizumi		SPS	sen
Libraries	James T. Crocamo		Libraries	sen
Admin.	Melissa Begg		Adm	nonsen
Admin.	Catherine E. Ross		Adm	nonsen
Alum.	Tao Tan		Alum.	nonsen
Trustee observer	Anna Longobardo		Trustee observer	
Admin.	Jim W. Glover		Adm	observer