

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BACCALAUREATE COUNCIL
Seventh Meeting/ 2020-2021 Academic Year
March 18, 2021
Remote via Microsoft Teams**

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Voting Members Present: C. Mooney (BUS), S. Ehsani (BUS), R. Caughron (EDU), M. Moghimi (EET)
E. Myung (HHS), A. McCarthy (HHS), D. Gorman (LAS), A. Schatteman (LAS)
S. Daskal (LAS), A. Bennett (LAS), D. Fernandez (LAS), R. Houze VPA),
A. Devroye (VPA), W. Johnson (Libraries), M. Myles (Advisor) C. Hernandez
(Student, LAS)

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present: O. Ghrayeb (Senior Vice Provost), C. Garvey (Admissions),
D. Halverson (Curriculum Coordinator/Catalog Editor)

University Attendees: Michael Kushnick, Associate Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences

The Baccalaureate Council (BC) meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Senior Vice Provost, Academic Affairs and Chair Omar Ghrayeb.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Ghrayeb called for a motion to approve the agenda for March 18, 2020. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Bennett. The motion was **APPROVE unanimously**.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes for the 02.04.2021 meeting of the Baccalaureate Council were approved via electronic vote. They have been distributed to the Faculty Senate and Teams for general access.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Wendell Johnson is sitting for Wayne Finley for the Library.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA - None

V. DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on section V.A.1 of the agenda. Gorman so moved and this was seconded by Caughron. A brief discussion on the policy language was initiated by Devroye. Moghimi and Ghrayeb clarified the items. Myles clarified the process by which students are assisted by advisors when they engage with the accelerated degree programs offered across the University. The vote was called and all items in V.A.1 were **APPROVED unanimously**.

V.A.1. CEET 04 (AY 2020-21)

Item CEET20.21.04.01/Accelerated BS/MS ELE/PR

Item CEET20.21.04.02/Accelerated BS/MS ELE OCC

Item CEET20.21.04.03/OCC PR ELE Vision and Mission

Item CEET20.21.04.04/ Accelerated BS/MS IYSE/

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B. College of Health and Human Sciences

1. Michael Kushnick, Associate Dean, was introduced to present the items in V.B.1. of the agenda. Ghrayeb called for a motion to discuss and vote on section V.B.1. College of Health and Human Sciences items. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by McCarthy.

Kushnick discussed the need for an alternative way to maintain current information on the clinical requirement for students in the Health and Human Sciences programs. Catalog updates are slow and this often leads to inaccurate information contained in the programs for the clinical requirements. To eliminate this issue, CHHS has developed a clinical website that is easily updated and the link is provided in the catalog language. Kushnick fielded questions about how the clinical requirements are different from the program requirements. Clinical requirements are needs that must be met with partner institutions prior to NIU students being placed to do clinical requirements. While these clinical requirements are needed to fulfill program requirements the contractual requirements change frequently and need to be updated in a timely fashion. The example of updating vaccines required was used to illustrate an example of how the clinical requirements change rapidly, due to evolving health risks, within clinical settings.

The vote was called and Section V.B.1 was **APPROVED unanimously**.

V.B.1. CHHS 14 (AY 2020-21)

Item CHHS20.21.14.01/PR B.S. HTM Clinical Requirements moved to CHHS website

Item CHHS20.21.14.02/PR B.S. MLS Clinical Requirements moved to CHHS website

Item CHHS20.21.14.03/PR B.S. NDW Clinical Requirements moved to CHHS website

Item CHHS20.21.14.04/PR B.S. Nursing Clinical Requirements moved to CHHS website

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS -None

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT** - Ghrayeb call for a motion to adjourn. Caughron so moved and this was seconded by Gorman. The Seventh meeting of the Baccalaureate Council for the academic year 2020-21 was adjourned at 1:06 pm. The next meeting of the Baccalaureate Council will be held via Teams on April 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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