

Credentials Minutes 11.10.23

Present: Sarita Rhonemus, Darrel Malamisura, Vincent Mateescu, Michelle Taylor, Betty Nash, Joe Beckett, Amanda Matoushek

Over the past week the Deans have sent credential information to Darrel and it appears to be consistent with what we originally believed. Michelle stated that ACBSP requires a masters degree, so the special competence cannot work for the College of Business.

Tammy is deferring to HLC and the special competence file that is housed in the Provosts' Office. In the AS nursing/rad tech program faculty must have the bachelor's degree and be enrolled in a master's program.

Sarita reminded us that we are a university now, so we want to stick with the masters requirement for anyone teaching in a bachelor's degree program. We must abide by the programmatic standards for accredited programs. Discussion ensued on non-accredited programs that are seeking accreditation. Overall, we decided to defer that conversation until those programs are, in fact, accredited; then we can update the policy as needed.

Discussion on the 18-hour requirement; while the MBA was not viewed that way for the CCOB though it is stated that the MBA is the teaching masters for management/marketing/all principles courses. Discussion on mathematics following ABET standards and some ambiguity in what HLC wants. Michelle stated that we wait on applying standards to faculty until the program is actually accredited. Darrel stated if they are seeking accreditation, that program should begin following the stated programmatic standards. Vincent stated that a masters should be the minimum. Darrel stated that there are some courses that can be taught with merely credentials. Betty said that we should stick to the masters qualification, especially since we are now a university.

Dr. Beckett brought up the termination of qualified faculty through test experience. It speaks to some of the departmental differences as well as certifications. It does put a lot of the responsibility of credentials back on the institution itself. If we are going to use certification, that should be decided by the dean of that specific program.

Darrel mentioned that he would like to have this wrapped up in the next two weeks. Dr. Beckett asked Sarita if that date would work. She stated that it would have to go in front of the BOG in January's meeting.

We hope to have the draft by the first week of December. Michelle will start working on the proposal and we can send it back and forth electronically until it's complete. Dr. Beckett and Dr. Rhonemus thanked us for our work on this.

Michelle moved to adjourn. Amanda second. Motion carries.