CEP&P Report to GAC

Date May 09, 2013
Subject Feedback on BA/MPA Proposal from Rockefeller College
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The Committee was assigned the following charge:

Review the proposal, and recommend to the GAC whether or not to approve. This could be done by a simple e-mail vote of CEPP members, rather than a face-to-face meeting. Any comments by the committee members could be noted for the record.

The Committee considered electronically the proposal dated 04/18/13 and commented/voted on it. The feedback from the Committee to GAC is as follows:

Vote: 5 Yes

1 Conditional Yes

2 No

Conditional Yes: The vote assumes that students are being admitted into a terminal, professional degree and there is no expectation of a research orientation in the program.

No: There does not appear to be a provision for any "quality control" for the students entering Master’s program, other than a 3.30 GPA. However, a 3.30 GPA from SUNY Buffalo State is not the same as a 3.30 from Binghamton or UAlbany.

Students with a 3.30 from Buffalo State are much less likely to be prepared for graduate level classes than students from one of the SUNY University Centers. There would have been no objection to the proposal if it specified students from the four SUNY University Centers, but the quality of the students at the four-year institutions varies greatly. In fact, the second pathway (#2), coordinated course offerings, may not be possible at many of the four-year institutions; most either do not offer any graduate courses or only for a few degrees. It may be possible to put in place some mechanism to distinguish students from the stronger four-year institutions than the weaker ones. However, as written, the vote is no to the proposal.