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From: Morrison, Robert C
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 3:13 PM
To: Walker, Marianna
Cc: Lee, Lori
Subject: RE: LifeLongLearning Paranormal Course

Thanks Marianna. Since these courses reflect on our academic reputation I believe the Faculty Senate should be involved. In years past Duke U. in coordination with the Rhine Institute could afford to teach and do research in paranormal areas because they already had a well-established reputation. (Though they were laughed at by those in the sciences.) If we, the faculty, aren't careful we could end up with courses for political reasons instead of sound academic reasons. I think lifelong learning is a good idea, but the content needs reasoned consideration. In my view this is non-negotiable. Else we could end up teaching creationism instead of evolution. We have too many faculty who have worked too long and hard to develop our academic reputation to see it diminished by inferior offerings. Even if they are non-credit, they still contribute to the ECU reputation.

Let me know if I can be any help.

Good Luck!
Bob

From: Walker, Marianna
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 2:47 PM
To: Morrison, Robert C
Cc: Lee, Lori
Subject: Re: LifeLongLearning Paranormal Course

Bob,

I talked to Marilyn this morning about this course. In LLP (or Lifelong Learning Program), no credit is earned, therefore, these courses do not go through the Faculty Senate. Perhaps we need to look into this practice more!

Marianna

From: "Morrison, Robert C" <MORRISONR@ecu.edu>
Date: Tue, 13 Sep 2011 10:36:33 -0400
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Subject: LifeLongLearning Paranormal Course

Hi Marianna,

In this morning's Daily Reflector there was a notice that the course [Paranormal: Fact or Fiction for ECU LLP Members](#) is being offered online through the LifeLong Learning

program, and I was appalled by the course description.

Did this go through the Faculty Senate? As a scientist who believes in fact, not fiction, I'm offended and disappointed that such a course is being offered through ECU. We've spent many years developing the academic credentials of ECU through our teaching and research. That course description in our local newspaper diminishes ECU's standing as an academic institution with high quality programs. I'd be interested in learning how this course got past our faculty.

Thanks,
Bob