

AGENDA
Educational Policies Committee
February 15, Via Zoom
3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2021
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Old Business
 - a. Psychological Science PhD proposal presentation (guests Josh Carlson and Adam Prus)
 - b. GPC/CUP flow to EPC (program proposal review process)
 - c. 2nd major subcommittee report
4. New Business
 - a. Sustainable Business & Enterprise Creation CUP proposal
 - b. 5.1.1.1 ratio update
 - c. APR subcommittee

Future meeting topics

- Rural Leadership PhD proposal
- Kinesiology and Exercise Science PhD proposal
- Administration of Outdoor Recreation and Nature Based Tourism Master's proposal

MINUTES
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Present: B. Canfield (chair), J. Cantrill, G. Logan, K. Johnson, D. Kapla, J. Leonard, J. Thompson, L. Warren, R. Winn

Absent: C. Johnson

Guests: J. Carlson & A. Prus

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- a. D. Kapla moved to approve. J. Thompson seconded. All in favor.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. D. Kapla moved to approve. J. Thompson & R. Winn seconded. All in favor.

3. Old Business

- a. Psychological Science Ph.D. proposal presentation (guests Josh Carlson and Adam Prus)
- i. Josh Carlson, Professor of Psychological Science, and Adam Prus, Head & Professor of Psychological Science presented on the Psychological Science Ph.D. Proposal
 - ii. Requesting
 1. Two tenure track lines; Social Psychology & Developmental Psychology
 2. Starting the program with two three-year terms would work
 3. Faculty lines are needed for existing programs, not specifically for Ph.D. program
 - iii. Questions from Committee
 1. Will Paul Andronis' line be replaced? *Yes, can be replaced in two years*
 2. Has the load document been reviewed to add overseeing Ph.D. students?
 - a. *Currently working on the load document*
 - b. *Faculty will be able to bank time*
 - c. *One Ph.D. student per faculty member; in rare case, two students*
 3. Jon Barch has been renewed, could he fit into one of these tenure track lines? *Yes. J. Barch is already mentoring Master's students and could be involved in both undergraduate and graduate, if he agrees to it*
 4. Concerned with hiring three year terms for the four year Ph.D. program. If the term is not renewed, Ph.D. student would have a different mentor for their last year
 5. Master's students expect to have assistantships/tuition paid, is it reasonable for them not to? *At universities with Ph.D. programs, it's not common for Master's students to receive funding; especially at universities with a Ph.D. program*
 6. Generally, assistantships are two years. Will assistantships now be four years or longer for those who take more time to complete their Ph.D.? *New assistantship system. Now a Grad Ed question*
 7. Do you expect an increase of 70 undergraduate students between 2020 and 2026? *Yes and we will need more faculty in the future for projected increase in enrollment*

8. Why should NMU have a Ph.D. program? Why would they choose NMU over another institution? *We have good, quality faculty. All master's students we are getting want to get their Ph.D.*
 9. Are there enough courses for Ph.D. students to take that they did not take as Master's students? *Yes*
 10. Could Psychology Master's students take courses in other departments? *There are specific electives to psychology, but there may be courses in other departments that could be substituted*
 11. Is there a sunset/teach out plan? *The lines that they are asking for are needed for current programs.*
- iv. Committee discussion:
1. It was noted that the proposal has not moved through GPC yet. At this point, the committee could make a recommendation back to Psychological Science
 2. The committee noted the following concerns with the proposal:
 - a. Program is not dependent on approval of two new faculty lines. Faculty members are needed to teach in their current programs. Faculty lines should have been presented separately from this proposal as enhancement positions
 - b. Load document has not been revised to include Ph.D. student mentoring
 - c. Loss of assistantships for Master's students
 - d. Most students come here to become psychologists which is a Master's program
 - e. Budget issues
 - i. What will the tuition structure for Ph.D. students be?
 - ii. What is the stand alone cost for the program?
- b. The committee agreed to hold a special meeting this week to discuss the Sustainable Business & Enterprise Creation CUP Proposal and the GPC/CUP flow to EPC (program proposal review process). An availability poll will be sent to determine the date and time of the special meeting

Meeting was adjourned around 5:30 p.m.