

AGENDA  
Educational Policies Committee  
March 1, Via Zoom  
3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – February 15, 2021
2. Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2021
3. Approval of Agenda
4. New Business
  - a. Rural Leadership PhD proposal presentation (guests Joe Lubig and Lisa Eckert)
  - b. APR update
5. Old/Ongoing Business
  - a. Recommendation made to Provost re: Sustainable Business
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> major subcommittee report
  - c. GPC/CUP flow to EPC (program proposal review process)
  - d. 5.1.1.1 ratio update

Future meeting topics

- Kinesiology and Exercise Science PhD proposal (3/15)
- Administration of Outdoor Recreation and Nature Based Tourism Master's proposal (3/15)
- BFA in Acting

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

**Guests:** L. Eckert, J. Lubig

**1. Approval of Minutes – February 15, 2021**

a. R. Winn moved to approve. J. Thompson seconded. All in favor.

**2. Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2021**

a. J. Cantrill moved to approve. J. Thompson seconded. All in favor.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

a. C. Johnson moved to approve. J. Thompson seconded. All in favor.

**4. New Business**

a. Rural Leadership PhD proposal presentation

i. Lisa Eckert, Dean of Graduate Studies & Research and Joe Lubig, Associate Dean of the School of Education, Leadership & Public Service presented an overview of the Ph.D. in Rural Leadership and answered committee questions

ii. Global campus program; 90% online, 10% in person summer courses/work

iii. Staffing request: 1 new annualized tenure track line (leadership with research specialization in rurality)

iv. Committee discussion with L. Eckert & J. Lubig

1. New Tenure Track position responsibilities

a. Act as director of the Rural Leadership Ph.D. program; oversee dissertation committees

b. As time allows, teach a variety of courses in undergraduate and other graduate programs

c. Summer revenue and global campus model will address most of the cost of new faculty member; remaining deficit may need to be covered by Academic Affairs

d. Tenure track positions must be base budgeted; Education summer college/Global Campus revenue would reimburse Academic Affairs

2. Dissertation committees/Supervising candidates

a. Outside readers are welcome, but not required

b. Follow a load structure similar to Education Specialist (Ed.S.)

i. Dissertation work mainly in the second summer semester; pay faculty member when dissertation is complete

c. Faculty from across campus are interested in supervising student research; a variety of faculty to demonstrate the diversity of possible research paths

- d. Could emeritus faculty serve on committees? *They can apply for grad faculty status and serve; this would be an excellent idea*
- 3. Program structure
  - a. Eight week courses
  - b. If a student falls behind, do they have to wait two years to take classes? *Yes*
  - c. Faculty in other disciplines are interested in teaching in this program
  - d. Not preparing these people to teach; goal is to help these people keep advancing and making their communities better
  - e. Education faculty have agreed to teach in the summer
  - f. Students won't necessarily graduate after two years, but they will be able to present after two years; launch a conference at NMU during the third summer of the first cohort
- v. Committee discussion
  - 1. Library expense for Rural Leadership program will stay the same no matter how many Ph.D. programs are approved
  - 2. Concerns that all global campus revenue would be spent on this position and would neglect the other programs in Education
  - 3. The marketing budget should be increased
  - 4. K. Johnson will draft memo to J. Lubig & L. Eckert to ask for a more comprehensive budget and ask for clarification on the committee's concerns
  - 5. The committee agreed to hold off on making a recommendation until a review/discussion of all Ph.D. proposals is complete
- b. APR update
  - i. B. Canfield discussed the Academic Program Review timeline with Provost Kerri Schuiling
  - ii. Timeline:
    - 1. Winter 2021 – decide on department review schedule and notify first departments in rotation
    - 2. Fall 2021 – Revise APR documents
    - 3. Fall 2022 – Start the official review process

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.