

AGENDA
Educational Policies Committee
January 13, 2020
604 Cohodas
3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – November 11, 2019
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Business
 - a. MS in Speech Language Pathology – Paul Mann (proposal can in found in 2018-2019 documents section on Share)
 - b. MS in Computer Science – J.D. Phillips and Hadi Shafei
4. New Business

Topics for consideration in 2019-20:

1. Evaluation of course fees and the 16-credit plateau for full-time, flat rate tuition.
 - Effect on revenue
2. Diversity, Enrollment, Recruitment & Retention
3. SRA and APR

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Present: R. Winn (Chair), G. Logan, B. Canfield, M. Robyns, J. Leonard, K. Johnson, D. Kapla, J. Cantrill, L. Warren, C. Johnson

Guests: Paul Mann, J.D. Phillips, Hadi Shafei

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D. Kapla moved to approve. J. Cantrill seconded. All in favor.

2. Approval of Agenda

C. Johnson moved to approve. L. Warren seconded. All in favor.

3. Business

a. MS in Speech Language Pathology – Paul Mann

- i. Dr. Paul Mann, Associate Dean of the School of Clinical Sciences, presented on the Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology.
- ii. The EPC discussed the financial concerns and considerations of the program including:
 1. The salary may not be high enough to attract applicants. Should the salary be decided strictly by CIP code or can the salary be adjusted to be more competitive with the private sector?
 2. The break-even point for this program is many years away, however, the benefit to the community outweighs the cost to the University
 3. Increasing the cohort would increase revenues, but more faculty members would be needed which would negate the additional revenues
 4. Cost recovery through billable hours at the campus clinic
 5. Offer the program as a 3 + 2 combination program
 6. Offer the graduate program without the undergraduate program, however, the majority of the cohort would come from NMU's undergraduate program
- iii. Paul Mann can work with Matt Franti, Director of Budget and Finance, to create two budget models. One for the 3 + 2 combination program and another for phasing out the undergraduate program

b. MS in Computer Science – J.D. Phillips and Hadi Shafei

- i. Dr. J.D. Phillips, Department Head of Mathematics and Computer Science, and Dr. Hadi Shafei, Assistant Professor, presented on the Master of Science in Computer Science.
- ii. The committee discussed concerns regarding hidden costs of the proposal including new equipment and library costs.
- iii. The EPC was also concerned that predicted number of students would exceed the capacity of the faculty.

- iv. The financial information given to the committee listed the Master of Computer Science tuition rates from other Michigan universities. The proposed tuition rate for the NMU program is significantly lower than the other Michigan programs.
- v. R. Winn, Chair, will draft a memo to the Provost and forward to the EPC for comments based on the following committee recommendations:
 - 1. Decrease the number of students entering the program
 - 2. Increasing the tuition rate to be more competitive with other Master of Computer Science programs in Michigan.
 - 3. Hire a term or adjuncts for the first year of the program. Hire a tenure-track faculty member for the second year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.