

AGENDA
Educational Policies Committee
November 16, Via Zoom
3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2020
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3. New Business
 - a. Assessment of programs and administration priorities (Provost Schuiling, 3:15-3:45pm)
 - b. Update on HLC and APR requirements (Dan Cullen, 4:00pm)
 - c. Review of teaching load issues in doctoral programs (report from Nursing/DNP)

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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: Kerri Schuiling, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dan Cullen, Associate Director of Accreditation & Assessment

1. Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2020

The committee agreed to edit the minutes to include less details of its discussion. The edited minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. New Business

a. Assessment of programs and administration priorities (Provost Schuiling, 3:15-3:45pm)

- i. Provost Kerri Schuiling attended the meeting to provide the committee with guidance on what criteria to review Ph.D. proposals on
- ii. Budget is a priority. The program has to be self-supporting. The break-even point should be included in the original proposal. If this benchmark is not met, the program's exit plan should be placed into effect
- iii. Other factors to consider:
 1. Are graduates employable after completing the program?
 2. What does it offer our community?
 3. Does the proposal include an appropriate and adequate number of faculty to teach/mentor? (Impacts budget and workload)
 4. Does it fit at NMU?
 5. What type of infrastructure does the program need?
 6. Are there grants available to support the program?

b. Update on HLC and APR requirements (Dan Cullen, 4:00pm)

- i. Academic Program Review (APR)
 1. APR was suspended due to Strategic Resource Allocation (SRA). APR has not been done since SRA (5 years)
 2. Groundwork can be completed to revitalize the APR process this year; start the process next year
 3. Create a standard APR template but accept accreditation reports that programs have submitted to their respective accrediting bodies (as long as these documents contain all necessary information)

4. Technology and Occupational Sciences (TOS) also needs a review process. TOS could utilize APR or create their own process
 5. Question for Provost Schuiling: Should EPC work on revitalizing the APR process for implementation next fall?
- ii. Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Assurance Argument
 1. Accreditors are looking to see a systematic and regular program review that is being done in a way that is appropriate to the institution
 2. Need to document that we are currently working on a review process
 3. NMU needs to exhibit a robust system with genuine policy in place
 4. Program improvement based on findings needs to be documented
- c. Discussion of an Additional Meeting**
- i. The committee agreed to meet, if necessary, to discuss and vote on the Psychological Science Ph.D. proposal before it is approved by Academic Senate
 - ii. No Senate meetings have been scheduled during the break (November 25 – January 10)

Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.