

AGENDA
Educational Policies Committee
February 12, 2018
604 Cohodas
3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – January 29, 2018
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Informal Consideration
 - a. Long-term academic planning – Offering PhDs
Guests: Lisa Eckert (Interim Director of Graduate Education), Alec Lindsay (Chair, Academic senate), and Frankie McCormick (Chair of GPC).
4. Business
 - a. EPC Bylaws
 - b. EPC Reform Proposal

2017-18 Potential topics, identified 9/11/2017

1. The role of EPC in the SRA.
2. Revisit 5.1.1.1 and make a recommendation for the ratio.
3. Shared governance and Extended Learning – what EPC role is relative to Extended Learning.
4. Evaluation course fees and the 16-credit plateau for full-time, flat rate tuition.
5. EAN courses if there is any aspect that fits within the purview of EPC
6. APR, including programs currently completing the process and revisions of the process.
7. Scheduling only online sections of a course when the program is not advertised as online or hybrid.
8. Staffing Plans – reports from the Deans.
9. ERIP – invite Gavin & Sherri to give an update on ERIP
10. SRA update

Added after 9/11/2017

1. Revision of EPC Bylaws
2. Modality of classes/programs

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Present: L. Warren (Chair), M. Robyns, J. Leonard, B. Canfield, L. Putman, A. Wyche, C. Kirk, D. Kapla, D. Rayome, R. Winn

Guests: A. Lindsay, L. Eckert, F. McCormick

1. **Approval of Minutes** – January 29, 2018
D. Kapla motioned to approve, C. Kirk seconded, all in favor
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved after adding Master of Social Work (MSW) staffing request
3. **Informal Consideration**
 - a. Long-term academic planning – Offering PhDs
Guests: Lisa Eckert (Interim Director of Graduate Education), Alec Lindsay (Chair, Academic Senate), and Frankie McCormick (Chair of GPC).

The committee and guests discussed issues related to expanding the curriculum to offer PhDs. The conversation identified departments that are currently considering proposals – Psychology; Health and Human Performance; and the School of Education, Leadership, and Public Service (PhD in Rural Leadership).

The committee and guests identified multiple questions and issues that should be investigated in order to make a recommendation regarding the extent to which NMU should offer PhDs. Issues included, but were not limited to, financial impact, PhD student needs, staffing needs for administrative support, library needs, impact on other programs, AAUP master agreement issues, HLC requirements, impact on Carnegie classification, and benefits to the university.

The committee and guests agreed informally that A. Lindsay and L. Warren would ask to meet with the Provost to recommend holding a retreat soon after the May 2018 commencement in order to address the following questions:

- To what extent, if at all, NMU should offer PhDs?
- What infrastructure is needed to offer PhDs?

Prior to the retreat, small groups will investigate issues that have been identified and get additional input from faculty across campus.

The committee and guests agreed informally that the following groups should be included in the discussions about adding PhDs:

- Academic Affairs
- President's office
- Finance
- AAUP

- Library
- Grants office
- Graduate office
- Financial aid
- Human Resources
- Counselors
- Registrar
- Faculty across campus

4. Old Business

a. Master of Social Work Staffing Request

D. Rayome made the following motion to send to Provost, R. Winn seconded:

EPC supports the request by Social Work for one one-year term and one three-year term position in 2018 and replace the on-year term with a tenure-track position beginning in fall 2019. The proposal adequately address the Resource Reallocation Criteria and demonstrates likelihood of generating new revenue for the university. EPC is not addressing additional enhancement requests, which may be made in the future based on enrollment benchmarks.

Motion approved – 1 Abstention, 7 yes, 1 no

Next Meeting:

EPC Bylaws

EPC Reform Proposal

Subcommittees for PhD investigation

B. Sager requested clarification from Provost on letter received at January 29 meeting.