

**EPC Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2012**

Present: J. Milkie, B. Sarjeant, D. Kobie, H. Wallace, J. Leonard, C. Kirk, B. Graves, A. Orf, P. Lang, and D. Walch.

Approval of Minutes

The November 12, 2012, minutes were approved as amended.

Approval of Agenda

B. Graves made a motion to approve the agenda. H. Wallace seconded. All in favor. Agenda approved.

Business

Recommendations for Engineering Technology APR

The recommendation to the Provost was left undecided from the November 12, 2012, meeting. C. Kirk reviewed the comments and suggestions made by EPC and included "Learning Outcomes Assessment and Job Placement" and "Grad School" to the recommendation. H. Wallace and A. Orf reviewed the document and are comfortable with the additional recommendations. C. Kirk distributed the document to the committee. After discussion it was decided C. Kirk would add strategic planning to the EPC recommendation to the Provost and send to the committee. C. Kirk will also update Sandi Poindexter on the discussions EPC has been having.

Discussion on whether EPC should hear updates on the application for change to NMU's HLC accreditation. The application is the result of the creation of the DNP program.

Currently the HLC has approved NMU to have up to 5% of our classes as online, and we are at that mark. With the creation of the DNP program, we would need prior approval to move up to the next level. The next threshold is between 6-20%. D. Walch is working on completing the application. C. Kirk will add D. Walch to the next EPC meeting to discuss the application.

Discussion of the Enhancement Process and set a timeline for department presentations

C. Kirk read the EPC's mandate. It was asked if EPC could hear enhancement requests which do not include faculty. How do we address need for quality improvement and the need for support when these needs do not include faculty lines? B. Graves indicated EPC was created to deal with Article VII in the AAUP contract and then became overarching with bigger academic issues between the faculty and administration.

Last year eight departments presented their enhancement position requests to EPC. Do we want to continue with the practice of having the department heads presenting to EPC? Yes. B. Graves would like to have a discussion on what happens to resources when the decision is made to not fill a position due to retirement or resignation. With the reinstatement of the LPN program, who will teach these courses?

The January and February meetings, we will hear enhancement requests from the deans and department heads. EPC would like to hear from the deans as to how they vet through their respective department requests.

It is possible after the enhancement requests are completed, a discussion could take place regarding the filling of vacated positions.

Good of the Order

The meeting during exam week will be held.

Meeting adjourned 4:32.