

EPC Annual Report
2020-2021

Membership:

AAUP: Brandon Canfield (chair), Karl Johnson, Jill Leonard, Gabe Logan, Jessica Thompson
Admin: Jim Cantrill, Carol Johnson, Dale Kapla, Leslie Warren, Robert Winn

Meetings:

The Committee met fifteen (15) times during the 2020-2021 academic year from 3:00-5:00pm (* 2:00-3:00pm) on the following dates:

8/17/20, 8/31/20, 9/21/20, 10/5/20, 10/19/20, 11/2/20, 11/16/20, 2/1/21, 2/15/21, 2/17/21*,
3/1/21, 3/15/21, 3/29/21, 4/12/21, 4/26/21

Presentations:

The following presentations were made during the 2020-2021 academic year:

1. College of Business staffing and enrollment report – C. Johnson (8/31/20)
2. College of Health Sciences and Professional Studies staffing and enrollment report – D. Kapla (8/31/20)
3. 5.1.1.1 faculty ratio and ERIP impact report – B. Canfield (8/31/20)
4. Library and Instructional Support staffing report – L. Warren (9/21/20)
5. College of Arts and Sciences staffing and enrollment report – R. Winn (9/21/20)
6. Double majors and program accounting – Jason Nicholas (10/19/20)
7. Update on HLC and program assessment requirements – Dan Cullen (11/16/20)
8. Revision of GPC/CUP flow of new program proposals to EPC – B. Canfield (2/1/21)
9. Update on 5.1.1.1 faculty ratio with F20 data included – B. Canfield (2/1/21)
10. PhD in Psychological Science proposal – Josh Carlson and Adam Prus (2/15/21)
11. BS in Sustainable Business and Enterprise Creation proposal – C. Johnson and J. Thompson (2/17/21)
12. PhD in Rural Leadership proposal – Lisa Eckert and Joe Lubig (3/1/21)
13. Double-Major Issue subcommittee report – G. Logan (3/15/21)
14. BFA in Acting proposal – Bill Digneit (3/29/21)
15. MS in Administration of Outdoor Recreation and Nature-based Tourism – Scott Jordan and Liz Wuorinen (3/29/21)
16. Global Campus revenue-sharing and budget projections – Brad Hamel and Steve VandenAvond (4/12/21)

Internal actions:

- The Committee agreed future staffing and enrollment reports would include focused information on new programs approved in the past 3-5 years, including benchmarks from the original program proposals
- An *ad hoc* Double-Major Issue subcommittee was formed for the duration of 2020-2021; membership: B. Canfield, J. Leonard, G. Logan, R. Winn
- A timeline for the process of APR revision established; active APR to resume in Winter 2022
- Although significant time and effort was spent reviewing two PhD proposals, the Committee forwarded no recommendation following the withdrawal of the proposals

Recommendations:

1. EPC unanimously recommended creation of a BS in Sustainable Business and Enterprise Creation program to the Provost. EPC noted that increased instructional staffing outside the CoB would most likely be required, and agreed with the proposed budget of \$24-37k adjunct/contingent/overload instructional costs in each of the first two years. (2/17/21)
2. EPC unanimously recommended creation of an MS in Administration of Outdoor Recreation and Nature-based Tourism program to the Provost. EPC also recommended the creation of a 3-year term faculty line to support this program, but noted serious concerns with the Global Campus funding model and the sustainability of said faculty line. (04/12/21)
3. EPC unanimously recommended creation of a BFA in Acting program to the Provost. EPC also recommended the creation of a 3-year term faculty line to support this program. (04/12/21)
4. EPC recommended a draft schedule for APR for each department, based on history of participation and, when applicable, accreditation cycles. (4/26/21)