**Educational Policies Committee (EPC)**

**Annual Report**

**2021-2022**

**Membership:**

AAUP: Brandon Canfield, Wendy Farkas, Karl Johnson, Linda Lawton, Gabe Logan, Jessica Thompson

Admin: Jim Cantrill (Chair), Lisa Eckert, Carol Johnson, Joe Lubig, Leslie Warren, Robert Winn

Secretary: Michelle Inman

**Meetings:**

The EPC met eleven (11) times during the 2021-2022 academic year from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11

**Presentations & Reports:**

The following presentations and reports were made during the 2021-2022 academic year:

1. Medical Laboratory Assistant Certificate suspension – Cantrill & Lubig 9/20 (no action needed)
2. Draft Academic Department Review (ADR) guidelines – Cantrill 9/20 (ongoing discussion throughout the academic year)
3. College of Business staffing and enrollment report – C. Johnson 10/4
4. Library and Instructional Support – Warren 10/18
5. College of Arts and Sciences staffing and enrollment report –Winn 11/1
6. Mathematics/Computer Science Applied Statistics minor, Accelerated Mathematics major, and Data Science major – J.D. Phillips from Math and Computer Science department 11/15
7. FY 2021 EPC Annual Report – Cranfield 1/24
8. College of Graduate Studies and Research – Eckert 1/24
9. College of Health Sciences and Professional Studies staffing and enrollment report – Lubig 1/24
10. Accreditation and Institutional Data re: ADR – Dan Cullen & Jason Nicholas 3/14
11. Proposed PhD in Rural Leadership – Eckert 3/28
12. ADR alternative: Academic Program Review (APR) proposal – Warren 3/28

**Recommendations & Actions:**

EPC recommended to the Provost that, if the new Substance Use Disorder minor meets enrollment targets, a staffing proposal should come to the committee for consideration.

EPC recommend to the Provost a new base-budgeted faculty tenure line in the Department of Math and Computer Science to support a new Data Science Major, Data Science Minor, and Applied Statistics Minor.

EPC recommend to the Provost the implementation of the new Data Science Major, Data Science Minor, and Applied Statistics Minor.

EPC commissioned a subcommittee to operationalize the alternative APR framework discussed on 3/28/22 and to distribute via email a final draft to the whole committee for approval prior to June 1, 2022.

EPC postponed reviewing proposal for a new Certificate in Applied Psychology until a revised budget is forthcoming and notified the Provost of our intent.

Cantrill and Canfield will work together to draft and send a letter to the Provost regarding continuing disparities regarding Section 5.1.1.1 of the *Master Agreement*.

EPC elected Professor Jessica Thompson to be the EPC chair for the 2022-2023 academic year.