

Academic Planning Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Academic Planning Council was held on January 20, 2006 at Park Library, Strosacker Room. The Provost was present. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Baugh, Christie, Dailey, Eke, Gates (for Shapiro), Hageman, Jones, Lary, Kohrman, Krider (for Martin), Moore, Orf, Rawls, Riordan, Roscoe, Storch, Vetter // **Absent:** Adams, Newby, Howell // **Guest:** Gail Scukanec, Matthew Roberson, Eric Torgersen, Tom Masterson, Mark Minelli

New Business

I. New Program and New Initiative Proposals:

- A. MFA in Creative Writing** – Proposal presented by Matthew Roberson and Eric Torgersen. This would replace current MA in Creative Writing.
Issues from APC members (that should be addressed in full proposal):
1. How do you know you can draw from other states? NMU gets applications from around the country and many from the surrounding six states. Current enrollment in MA program is about 20. Do not want to aim too regionally. Recruit from outside of Michigan.
 2. What can you offer that is really unique? How do you make unique – make it stand out?
 3. Why nine GAs at its inception? This is ideal figure, still negotiating with department, dean's office and graduate studies. Start out with many to draw as many strong candidates from across the country. Budgetary issues yet to be resolved concerning GAs and additional faculty. Sixth faculty is for the future. Include GA cost as part of budgetary issues – increase in GA would be a reduction of temporary faculty.
 4. Do you know history of WMU?
 5. Include budget and information from comparable schools.
 6. Success in recruiting students from underrepresented groups. KCP program not mentioned – may want to include.

Voting Results: 14 total votes out of a possible 17 votes
14 Endorse program concept and encourage development of full proposal
0 Postpone decision on program concept and encourage revision of concept proposal
0 Reject program concept and discourage development of full proposal

- B. MS in Community Health** – Proposal presented by Tom Masterson and Mark Minelli. This would replace the MA program presently in moratorium.
Issues from APC members (that should be addressed in full proposal):
1. What is difference between this program and other program? The other program was small. The other program was a MA and this is a MS. Offering hybrid classes – lecture and blackboard. Content hasn't changed. Students in community health who only have a bachelor's degree are usually not eligible for supervisory positions.
 2. How exportable is this? Can international students take? Is there an international component?
 3. Why so few credits at graduate level? Why not a thesis?
 4. What is need for this program?
 5. Why do you believe this will be successful?
 6. Will there be more students?
 7. Look at job market. Where is there an increase?
 8. How much Math is required?
 9. What is rationale for name change?
 10. What kind of internships?

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II. Discussion of Approval Processes Surrounding New Doctoral Programs:

A. Should all concept proposals for new doctoral programs come to the Council at the same time?

Voting Results: 6 separate is fine / 10 at the same time / 0 don't care

B. When should they be submitted?

Voting Results: 5 October / 1 Spring / 6 don't care

III. Proposed Ballots: Revised ballots discussed and brief explanation of what each recommendation meant was provided. Will discuss at next meeting if there are any comments. Otherwise, will go with these proposed ballots.

IV. Robert's Rules of Order – The Secretary and Minute Keeping: The Academic Planning Council minutes will move to abbreviated form as suggested by Robert's Rules of Order. Minutes from previous meeting will be approved at beginning of each meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.