Educational Policy Committee (EPC) May 6, 2013

Present: Professors Linda Lohn, Ted Lossowski, Tom Stiadle, Susan Tabrizi (via phone), and Provost Cindy Speaker (chair)

The meeting began at 2:34 p.m.

1. Minutes from May 1, 2013 meeting

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

2. Discussion on absence policy

The Chair expressed appreciation to Professor Lohn for drafting the absence policy based on the Committee's discussion last week. During discussion, minor changes to the document were made (primarily ones of consistency in language and tense). The Committee agreed to take a notice of motion to the faculty at the September meeting which would mean a vote on the motion at the October faculty meeting.

3. Report for May's faculty meeting

The Chair will draft the Committee's semester report for the faculty and circulate it via e-mail for members to provide feedback.

4. Discussion of possible Faculty Manual changes

The Committee discussed the likely change affecting EPC should the changes to the manual be approved at the upcoming faculty meeting. Selection of the chair will occur at the first meeting of the Committee. At that meeting (to occur during the first full week of classes), the Committee will also set its agenda for the semester.

5. Draft of student learning objectives and institutional responsibilities

The Committee agreed to provide feedback via e-mail on the document so that a notice of motion can go to the faculty at the September meeting with a vote on the motion at the October faculty meeting.

6. Online learning

The Chair shared with the Committee the gist of Paul LeBlanc's (president of SNHU) presentation at the Board meeting.

7. Next semester's meeting time

The Committee agreed to set next semester's meeting time via e-mail. We will have one new faculty member from NMS.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College