

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

October 30, 2013

Present: Dean & Provost Cindy Speaker, Professor Linda Lohn, committee chair, Professors Ted Lossowski, Susan Tabrizi, and student representative Shane Puskar.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

The minutes from October 23, 2013 were discussed and approved.

The committee discussed and approved the revision of the institutional and academic goals with a few minor alterations. The Provost will then post this document on the assessment website.

Each division reported their findings regarding the rationale for having non-lab four credit courses. The responses included various reasons including certain courses not being able to transfer into other institutions if they were reduced to three credits; the amount of time combined in class and outside of class participation; and noting that the texts for some courses are written in such a manner as to be taught four times a week. The committee questioned how this would influence the new scheduling of classes and to wait until we tried modeling our classes within this template.

We then continued a discussion of SCC curriculum: "thesis", "comps", and "capstone". Questions were raised pertaining to the inequality of these within different majors. Should all majors define common goals or outcomes; should they be done away with; or perhaps be an option for honors.

The committee was then informed by the Provost that we would be reviewing position requests in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Lossowski