EPC Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2011


Approval of Minutes

D. Walch made a motion to approve the November 7, 2011, minutes. P. Duby seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Approval of Agenda

B. Sarjeant made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Milkie seconded. All in favor. Agenda approved.

Business

Jim Cantrill (CAPS) and Mike Rudisill (Engineering Technology) gave updates on their departments’ Academic Program Reviews Pilot Testing. The APR is an AQIP mandated action project. It has been 20+ years since NMU has engaged in an academic program review. The self-study template includes: information on the department and specific programs within the department. A few of the problems encountered were getting a late start, getting information needed from people, and the sheer volume of data collected. Engineering Technology recently underwent accreditation so much of their data was readily available.

EPC must determine how the APR submitted materials will be reviewed by the committee and when an outside consultant will be invited to campus.

J. Rashed presented the College of Business position enhancement request. The College of Business is asking for an enhancement position for the MBA program. Currently there are 35 students enrolled in the program, which is up by 15 since 2010. The area of expertise would be international business and health care administration, which is seeing growth nationwide. There are currently students who receive their degrees in biology and economics who come back to earn an MBA.

Departments from the College of Arts and Sciences will present their requests for enhancement positions at the December 5th EPC meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:39.