



MINUTES

TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee

FROM: Joe Crotts, Chair

DATE: March 27, 2017

SUBJ: **EPPC MINUTES – March 09, 2017, Kendall Hall room 207, 2:30 p.m.**

Jim Aird, Secretary Du Jour

Members present: Aird, Allen, Camacho, Cross, Crotts, Ferrari, Fleet, Ford, Hammer, Hassenzahl, Kim (Ponarul), Loker, Polsan, Ponarul, Roll, Rowberg, Scheer (Rowberg), Schierenbeck, Selvester (Roll), Traver, Watkins, Wyrick

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1. Approve minutes for February 09, 2017
The minutes were approved.
 2. Approve agenda for March 09, 2017
The agenda was approved.
 3. Announcements
The following announcements were made:
 - a. March for Science, Trinity Commons, April 22 at noon.*
 - b. Statewide Academic Senate election, consider voting for Rick Ford.

*The March for Science is a celebration of our passion for science and the many ways science serves our communities and our world. The March for Science coincides with Earth Day on April 22 and is an unprecedented global gathering of scientists and science enthusiasts joining together to acknowledge the vital role science plays in our lives and the need to respect and encourage research that gives us insight into the world.

4. Introduction item: Discontinue Option in Local Government Management within the Master of Public Administration. Mahalley Allen, Political Science and Criminal Justice and EC member, noted:
 - Enrollment has been low (currently 6) and faculty with the specialization have left campus

- Student frustration about course availability, substitutions have been common but with issues
- Program committee now sees the program as redundant as the MPA program focuses on local government management

The motion passes as an introduction item.

Motion passes to suspend the rules and move to action status.

Discussion continues.

- Currently enrolled students will be “taught-out”
- Current instructor(s) will still have courses

The motion passes as an action item.

5. Discussion item: Civic Engagement course descriptions

Susan Roll, EC member and Social Work, Director of Civic Engagement, and EC member, and Annelise Wipfli (student) shared observations regarding service learning, including:

- What is Civic Engagement?
- Student benefits from Civic Engagement and Service Learning
- Application for S-Designation
- Rationale behind defining the S designation to identify classes with a Service Learning component
- The Service Learning Advisory Committee is working to define an interdisciplinary minor in civic engagement
- Suggested that the home for the minor be tied to the department of the instructors doing the introduction and capstone classes

6. Discussion: Graduation Initiative

The committee continued discussion on the Graduation Initiative (Student Success Plan 2025). Bill Loker, Dean of Undergraduate Education and EC member, reported on meetings of the ad hoc committee on the Graduation Initiative (Student Success Plan 2025).

7. Other

The next meeting of EPPC is scheduled for March 30.

Anticipated items include:

- Proposals regarding EM 86-001, Definitions of a Major and a Minor
- Restructuring the university’s writing requirement

8. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.