

Education Committee

Thursday, 5/21

Attendees: Sullivan, Lisa; Velez, Amanda; Longe, Nikki; Godley, Sophie; Healey, Megan; MacLeod, William; Fox, Matthew; Stokes, Andrew; Copacino, Christine; Brand, Caitlin

- Admissions update
 - This has been a difficult admissions cycle for SPH, with enrollment numbers down from last year.
 - Last year – 264 on campus MPH
 - This year – 250 target
 - MPH – 1,264 apps (vs 1,800 last year; fewer international applications)
 - Accepted – 1,117 (vs 1,525 last year)
 - Deposits – 184 (vs 308 last year)
 - 140-160 matriculants
 - OL MPH – 330 apps (vs 253 last year)
 - 136 accepted (vs 79 last year)
 - ~150-200 matriculants
 - MS Programs enrollment is down as well with 17 deposits vs 52 last year)
 - Declined offer survey - The #1 reason for deciding to decline is the cost of program and cost of living in Boston.
 - Committee discussion
 - Short term shock or new trend? Possible enrollment cliff w/declining enrollment in k-12, etc. We won't have as many students in the long term so we could still anticipate downturn.
 - Nikki and Lisa will be meeting with Chairs today to discuss fall enrollment and cancellation projections with the goal to minimize course cancellations.
- MPH - 42 credit curriculum has been approved by the University
- Proposed addition to syllabus template in response to recent grievances that have been raised – EOO language
 - *Boston University is committed to fostering a learning environment that is respectful, inclusive, and free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. Students who experience or witness conduct that may violate University policies are encouraged to report concerns to the Equal Opportunity Office (EOO). In that vein, you may file an incident report by utilizing the [EOO Incident Reporting Form](#). To learn more about EOO policies, processes, and resources, please visit [Boston University Equal Opportunity Office](#). Students are always encouraged to engage respectfully in classroom discussions and to uphold the principles of academic freedom, civil discourse, and mutual respect.*
- Committee feedback
 - Not standard for other schools at BU, seems excessive
 - Add to “if your complaint is about...x”
 - Student EOO training – Registrar will look into cadence and content
 - Lisa to write up one pager for the Chairs to reinforce with Faculty