

PROPOSAL: Create the Aviation Professional Studies major

Background

The Undergraduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the creation of the Aviation Professional Studies major offered by the Department of Aviation Sciences in the College of Aviation.

Currently, our University and the College of Aviation need an adjustment to non-traditional student recruiting and retention. With the State of Michigan now offering the first 2 years of community college for free and our WMU College of Aviation Tech Ops students' ability to leave after 2 years directly to the workforce, the rationale is to provide 4-year degree options. Workload for the COA will be marginal to no increase, as we currently offer all courses in person and online. If enrollment grows in online sections or in person sections significantly, we would have to offer additional sections which would need to be supported with additional faculty lines.

Recommended Action

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