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During the academic year 2014–2015 the Academic Priorities Council took the following actions:

1. Considered two proposals from the Isenberg School of Management, one on an Entrepreneurship Center and the other on a Management Minor in Entrepreneurship Innovation.
2. Recommended approval of a concentration on Entrepreneurship Innovation in the Isenberg School of Management.
3. Together with the Rules Committee, developed a special report about providing a comprehensive policy on approval and review of Centers and Institutes. Later considered an almost final version.
4. Recommended approval of a proposal to partition the Department of Public Health into three separate departments.
5. Recommended approval of an alternative set of degree requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Studies.
6. Discussed the Ph.D. in Education.
7. Tabled discussion of a proposal for a Department of Public Policy. The Council was concerned with the following issues:
   A. Who are the tenured faculty devoted to the undergraduate students?
   B. There apparently is no undergraduate program.
   C. Can they immediately form into a school and a department or do they have to go from a department to a school in stages?
   D. Are they a department yet?
   E. Where do their resources come from?
8. Discussed the role of the APC in priorities and budgeting after initiation of the topic by Bryan Harvey. Consideration of Budget Councils in each College was suggested as an appropriate activity for the APC, as were issues of transparency. It was suggested that the Rules Committee might bring forth a charge to the APC to consider these matters. The members present supported this idea.
9. Following extended discussion that included consideration of Program and Budget Council deliberations on the topic, submitted a report on College Budget Councils to the Rules Committee and this was forwarded to the Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation.
10. Recommended approval of a title change for the Certificate in Native American Indian Studies.
11. Recommended approval of a Graduate Certificate in Climate Change, Hazards and Green Infrastructure.
12. Recommended approval of a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Focus in Sport Management.
13. Recommended approval of the Creation of a School of Public Policy.
14. Recommended approval of proposals to close the following Institute and Centers: 1) The Scientific Reasoning Research Institute, 2) The Wireless Communication Center, and 3) The Center for Advanced Sensor and Communication Antennas.
15. Recommended approval of a revised proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Climate Change.
16. Considered a proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Media Literacy.