

ACADEMIC COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Academic Policy

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: R. Sekhar Chivukula

Summary of committee activities for September, October, and November 2008:

1. UCAP provided response to ECAC regarding Trial Changes in Academic Year Start Date and Fall Welcome. (9/4/08)
2. Committee endorsed draft Undergraduate Learning Assistant (ULA) policy and authorized the Chairperson to forward it to the Provost. (9/18/08)
3. Committee approved UCC Proposal 4 that recommends that at least 12 credits counted toward the requirements for a student's minor must not be used to fulfill the requirements for that student's major. (9/18/08)
4. Committee approved UCC Proposal 5 that establishes that a student cannot pursue a minor when completing a major of the same name within a field-of-study. (9/18/08)
5. Committee considered and approved the requests from the Department of Economics to add grade-point average requirements in the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Economics, with suggested modifications in the proposed catalogue language. (9/18/08)
6. Committee considered and endorsed the request to change the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Hospitality Business and recommends The School of Hospitality Business website reflect the range of GPAs of previously admitted students and the corresponding historical data showing the trend of GPAs for those admitted to the program. (9/25/08)
7. Committee considered and endorsed the request to add a grade-point average requirement in the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism. (9/25/08)
8. Committee briefed by Mike Kasavana, Chairperson, Athletic Council and Jim Pignataro, Director, Student Athletic Support Services on proposed NCAA regulations regarding nontraditional courses that will be considered at NCAA's conference in January 2009. (10/23/08)
9. Committee discussion on Course Repeat Policy resulted in the decision to collect data on the extent of the repetition of courses at MSU and the extent to which current policy met the needs of students in order to decide whether further

consideration of this topic was necessary. (10/23/08)

10. Committee approved UCC Proposal 1 that will remove the limitation that minors must carry the same field-of-study name as the major. (11/6/08)

11. Committee considered and endorsed the request to establish a minor in Computer Science with an admission requirement and a recommended change in catalogue language reflecting that 18 credits is the maximum number of credits allowed in the minor without special permission. (11/6/08)

12. Committee discussion and subcommittee work on proposed revision of Integrity of Scholarship and Grades policy. (11/6/08, 11/20/08)

13. Committee heard comments from Dr. Fred Fico regarding a proposed amendment to the MSU Antidiscrimination Policy. (11/20/08)

14. Committee appointed R. Sekhar Chivukula as the UCAP representative to the Academic Year Review Task Force. (11/20/08)

List of prospective agenda items for the upcoming meetings:

1. Discussion and subcommittee work on proposed revision of Integrity of Scholarship and Grades policy.

2. Discussion and subcommittee work on proposed revision to the Religious Observance Policy.

3. Discussion and input to Academic Year Review Task Force.

4. UCAP will consider a proposed amendment to the MSU Antidiscrimination Policy and provide a recommendation to ECAC.

5. Committee will research, review, and discuss MSU Course Repeat Policy.