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TO: Henry Silverman

FROM: J. David Johnson
Chairperson
UCAP

SUBJECT: University Committee on Academic Policy, 1990-91 Annual Report

The following is a summary of the issues discussed and of the recommendations made by UCAP during the 1990-91 academic year.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Academic Program Changes for Prospective Teachers

The Committee received a report from Dean Lanier on the proposed changes in the curriculum of the College of Education.

Block Tuition

The Committee reviewed and provided commentary to the Provost on the Block Tuition Proposal.

Change in Registered Student Nurse Programs Testing Requirement

Received information item relating to Registered Student Nurse Program Testing modification.

Enrollment Limitation Request

The Committee supported an enrollment limitation request for Building Construction Management.

Guidelines for Review of Graduate Curriculum

Provided commentary on Guidelines for Review of Graduate Curriculum.

Integrative Studies

Discussed SETT92 document entitled "Integrative Studies and the Major: Issues and Recommendations" and the memorandum entitled "Integrative Studies and the MACRAO Agreement."

Motion Relating to Disbandment

Passed the following motion in November 15th meeting: "Any item submitted for consultation or advisement to UCAP regarding disbandment of an undergraduate or professional academic program shall be presented to UCAP prior to the Provost's decision. Otherwise, the item shall be submitted as information only."

Picture IDs for Students

UCAP passed a motion supporting the restoration of the practice of providing for student identification cards with pictures. The primary motivation for such identification cards was to provide a mechanism for instructors to be able to check these identifications as warranted for examinations, etc. This recommendation was forwarded to the Provost.

Request to Discontinue the Social Science Residence Program

Provided advice to the Provost on a request to Discontinue the Social Science Residence Program.

Semester Transition

In response to a request from Bruce Miller of SETT, UCAP passed a motion affirming MSU's commitment to a 4 year (120 semester credit) undergraduate degree. The Committee also reviewed several basic university policies and decided to recommend a change in the criteria for undergraduate access to graduate courses (800-899) that was approved by Executive Committee of Academic Council in its May 7th meeting. The Committee also considered a variety of other Academic Program Issues and University Policies relating to the semester transition.

Survey on Incentives and Awards for Teaching

Conducted survey in fall of 1990 of random sample of MSU faculty concerning Incentives and Awards for Teaching. In winter term the Committee considered and approved a report on the Survey on Evaluation of Rewards and Rewards for teaching. The Committee then tried to serve as a catalyst for the implementation of its (and CRUE's) recommendations within the governance system and for greater awareness of issues relating to teaching within the university community.

Writing Task Force Report

UCAP provided commentary on the Writing Task Force Report. Later, members of UCAP's CRUE/APERTF Subcommittee served on the Joint Committee on Writing Requirements. This committee's report was approved by Academic Council.