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Subject: 1992-93 Annual Report
University Committee on Academic Policy

UCAP met thirteen times during the year. Part 1 lists most of the topics and issues discussed. The minutes of the appropriate meeting will have more details. Part 2 briefly describes some of the more important issues and the UCAP recommendations.

PART 1

recruitment and retention (9/24/92)
implementation of CORRAGE and CRUE (9/24/92)
Multidimensional Excellence Conference (9/24/92)
ASUS (Academic Standing of Undergraduate Students) (9/24/92)
semester transition (10/8/92)
transfer students (10/8/92)
UAPPAC (University Assessment Policy and Practice Advisory Committee) (11/5/92)
GOPHER demonstration (11/5/92)
academic semester calendar (11/5/92)
sexual harassment (1/28/93)
academic semester calendar (11/5/92)
class attendance (2/11/93)
mix of 2, 3 and 4 credit courses (2/11/93)

PART 2

APP & R (3/11, 4/8, and 5/6/93)

The committee discussed the APP&R process at three different meetings and heard from Provost Simon and Dr. Martha L. Hesse. The following motions were passed:

1. UCAP should be consulted before policy guidelines are incorporated in the Academic Program Planning & Review communication formats which relates to and/or affect its bylaw responsibilities (e.g., grading policy, establishment, disbandment, or merge of undergraduate and professional academic programs, curriculum revision, methods of instruction, evaluation of instruction, advising and/or counseling, admissions and retention, financial aid, the use and distribution of educational and research resources, and research development.
2. UCAP should be informed in a timely manner when budgetary decisions are made within the APP&R process which will eventually lead to the disbandment of an academic program.
3. UCAP should receive a report from the Provost's Office at the conclusion of the annual APP&R process which summarizes the cross unit consequences of planning decisions and which summarizes the planning decisions which resulted from policy guidelines related to its area of responsibilities incorporated within the APP&R.

Supervision of Relatives Work (5/6/93)

UCAP worked with UGC to develop a statement concerning the supervision of relatives work. A joint statement will be considered in the Fall of 1993.

Integrative Studies Policy for Lyman Briggs (11/19 and 12/3/92)

The committee did not approve a request for an overall waiver of the integrative studies in the area of Arts and Humanities so Briggs could develop its own courses but did say that Briggs could request an exemption for a specific course from UCC.

Enrollment Limitation for Lyman Briggs (1/28/93)

The committee endorsed an Enrollment Management Plan for Lyman Briggs.

University-wide Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Issues (3/26/93)

The committee considered two recommendations forwarded to it by the ECAC. With regard to the recommendation below, the committee nearly unanimously felt that it was inappropriate for any group, no matter what the question, to be able to mandate that the faculty or curriculum committees should include or exclude any particular material or point of view.

- a) All curricula and courses should be reviewed by curriculum committees and persons with expertise in lesbian/gay issues for appropriate inclusion of lesbian/gay issues in such areas as history, culture, social and behavioral sciences, philosophy and biology. (Curriculum, 20; Student Concerns, 35)

Undergraduate Programs over 120 Credits (1/28 and 2/11/93)

The committee approved a request from the Music Department for five of their programs to exceed the 120 credit limit.

"Foreign Student" Designation (5/6/93)

The committee approved the term "international" to replace "foreign" to apply to the category of students from abroad who come to the University under a nonimmigrant visa.

Ownership of Data (4/8/93)

The committee should be involved in discussions of research policy issues. Also, it passed a motion that the Miskin report be made public if research interests of MSU are to be advanced.