

STANDING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT OUTLINE 1993-94

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Academic Policy

CHAIRPERSON: Steven T. Spees

MEETINGS HELD: 9/9/93; 9/23/93; 10/7/93; 10/21/93; 11/4/93;
11/18/93; 12/2/93; 12/16/93; 1/13/94; 1/27/94;
2/10/94; 2/24/94; 3/17/94; 3/31/94; 4/14/94; and
4/28/94

1. PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND/OR ISSUES DISCUSSED AND ACTIONS TAKEN/RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AND TO WHOM.

UCAP discussed a wide variety of topics, including:

Class attendance
The freshman experience
Budget planning and the APP&R process
Retention
Guiding Principles
CIERT
Academic Freedom
Grading Practices
Math and language requirements
Criteria for graduation with honors

The following specific actions were taken:

- a) 9/9/93 - approved guidelines for off-campus undergraduate programs in the College of Nursing
- b) 10/7/93 - approved a moratorium on the undergraduate forensic science major, effective January, 1994
- c) 10/7/93 - approved guidelines to recommend to the Board of Trustees concerning academic achievement awards for transfer students
- d) 11/4/93 - approved and sent to Academic Council a motion requiring defined score on placement tests or appropriate college work to satisfy MSU's math graduation requirement
- e) 12/16/93 - passed a motion dealing with Academic Freedom and litigation
- f) 1/27/94 - passed and sent to Academic Council a motion concerning Supervision of Academic Work by Relatives
- g) 4/28/94 - approved and forwarded comments to the Steering Committee on the University Outreach at MSU, the Report on the Child Care Planning Project, and a UCAP report on retention

2. PLEASE COMMENT ON MATTERS PENDING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND MATTERS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED NEXT YEAR.

a) Items Pending - none

b) Items that Should be Considered Next Year

- 1) UCAP involvement in the APP&R process
- 2) Foreign language requirement
- 3) Dye Report and the Interim Procedures on Misconduct in Scholarship
- 4) Grading practices and trends
- 5) Review December 1992 document titled Program Planning and Review of Academic Programs: Criteria for Change