

## UCAP ANNUAL REPORT 1999-2000

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(Meetings every other Thursday throughout the academic year.)

UCAP issues/actions finalized in 1999-2000:

- **College of Nursing student performance policy**, a document setting forth a student performance policy that specifies criteria for continuance in the nursing program.
- **College of Education progression to the internship policy**, a document which tries to specify special obligations teachers have to the people affected by their work.
- **Student Laptop Computer Proposal** (changed to “computer” proposal). All students matriculating at Michigan State University in 2001 will be required to possess an Internet-compatible computer.
- A formal and continuing relationship should be established between the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) and the Communications and Computing Systems Advisory Committee (CCSAC) so that appropriate flow of information can take place for the benefit of academic policy. In particular, a member of UCAP should be designated as a representative to attend CCSAC meetings on a regular basis.
- A university task force should be established to oversee the development, operation, and evaluation of strategies for the academic application of computer-based pedagogy. This task force should be composed of representatives from the widest spectrum of the university community. This task force should include a member from UCAP and a member from the University Graduate Council (UGC).
- Mechanisms should be established for widespread dissemination of information regarding the background of, current status of, and future prospects for academic computing. These mechanisms should invite and facilitate dialogue within the university community.
- The critical issue of staff support should be addressed.
- Review of **National and University Awards** report.
- **Teaching Awards** report: years spent in “post-doctoral” appointments do not count in determining eligibility” – approved.
- **Transcollegiate Course Requirement** (dropping of requirement) approved.
- **Mid-Semester Break**: Recommendation for a one-day break in mid-October.
- **Graduation with Honors and High Honors**: The percentage of students receiving honors should be no more than 20% and that those receiving honors should have no less than a 3.5 GPA for Honor and no less than a 3.8 GPA, or 8%, for High Honors.
- **Final Exam policy**: UCAP concluded that the current policy is sufficient and supports its enforcement.
- **Approval of waiver for Traverse City College of Social Science bachelor’s degree program**
- **PUBLIC SIRS** A recommendation for a set of questions and method of reporting results for a public SIRS questionnaire was approved, as was a policy statement regarding Public SIRS. The item has been forwarded to Provost Simon for

transmission to ECAC.

Pending matters from 1999-2000 to be discussed in 2000-2001:

- **Reading Days**
- **New grade marker**