

**University Committee on Academic Policy  
2005-2006 Annual Report**

**UCAP Chairperson: Ralph Putnam**

UCAP meets every other Thursday throughout the academic year. UCAP minutes and agendas are available on the UCAP website: <http://ucap.msu.edu>

**Meetings Held:**

- September 1, 2005
- September 15, 2005
- October 27, 2005
- December 1, 2005
- December 15, 2005
- January 19, 2006
- February 2, 2006
- February 16, 2006
- March 16, 2006
- March 30, 2006
- April 13, 2006
- April 27, 2006

**Specific UCAP Issues and Actions Discussed or Finalized in 2005-2006**

(Dates indicate UCAP meeting dates on which actions were taken).

1. Considered and supported request to extend moratorium on Admission to BS in Geophysics. (September 15, 2005)
2. Discussed New Residential College/School Final Report and provided commentary to ECAC. (September 15, 2005)
3. Considered and supported School of Journalism request to change requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree for students who are pursuing teacher certification. (October 27, 2005)
4. Considered and supported School of Music request to change requirements for the voice performance area of the Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Performance. (October 27, 2005)
5. Discussed Final Report of the Working Group to improve Undergraduate Education and provided feedback to ECAC (December 15, 2006)
6. Began subcommittee consideration of Resolution of Academic Assembly Bill# 14-24, recommending that UCAP re-examine the creation of a university-wide Academic Integrity Policy statement. The subcommittee is examining existing policy statements and considering ways to make them more visible to students and others in the University community.

7. Considered and supported request to enact moratorium in the B.S. in Apparel and Textile Design (December 15, 2005)
8. Discussed request from ECAC to consider changes to the policies and practices concern academic load limits during Summer semester. UCAP determined existing policies addressed these concerns and that no additional action was needed. (December 15, 2005)
9. Considered and supported request to increase credits for the B.S. in Applied Engineering Sciences. (January 19, 2006)
10. Considered and supported request to establish BFA Degree in Theater. (January 19, 2006)
11. Considered and supported proposal from Linda Stanford, Assistant Provost for Academic Services, to change the current policy to allow students who already hold a bachelor's degree to obtain an additional major. (January 19, 2006) Revisited and revised this recommendation to specify that the existing bachelor's degree must be an MSU degree. (February 2, 2006)
12. Considered and supported proposal from Linda Stanford, Assistant Provost for Academic Services and University Registrar, to transfer the approval for a change in the scheduling of a final examination from "Undergraduate Committee of the Assistant Deans Group" to the Office of the Registrar based on the approval of the Assistant/Associate Dean responsible for the offering of the course. (February 2, 2006)
13. Considered Academic Assembly Bill# 14-25, supporting the inclusion of multiple majors on students' diplomas. After considering input from the Registrar concluded that no changes in current practice be recommended. (February 16, 2006)
14. Began consideration of Academic Assembly Bill#14-32, regarding creation of a fall break. (February 16, 2006)
15. Considered issue of establishing an undergraduate minor. UCAP prepared proposal to ECAC to establish undergraduate minors. (February 16, 2006)
16. Established subcommittee to consider policies regarding undergraduate teaching assistants. (February 16, 2006)
17. Considered and supported proposed change in in the College of Arts and Letters Tier II Writing Policy which allows the Tier II writing course to require competency in writing in the language of instruction. (March 16, 2006)
18. Considered and supported request from the Food Industry Management Program to require a minimum grade of 2.0 in RET 460 for its majors. (March 30, 2006)
19. Continued discussion of ug working group (March 30, 2006)
20. Considered and supported request to change administrative responsibility for Apparel and Textile Design from the College of Human Ecology to the Dean's Office of the College of Arts & Letters (April 13, 2006)

21. Passed motion to recommend to the Provost the closing of the College of Human Ecology once all programs in the College are relocated into other administrative homes. (April 13, 2006)
22. Discussed Working Group's Final Report and Executive Summary. UCAP (a) proposed a set of goals for liberal learning, based on those in the Final Report, (b) endorsed undertaking appropriate study to inform implementation of the Quantitative Literacy and Writing recommendations, and (c) supported the general idea of a establishing a group to support and advance liberal learning and MSU. (April 13, 2006)
23. Began consideration of Academic Assembly bill number 14-41 to change the religious observance policy to accommodate individual religious practices. (April 13, 2006)
24. Discussed proposal to establish Fall Semester break (April 13, 2006)
25. Began consideration of MSU's policy for granting academic credit for CLEP examinations. (April 27, 2006)
26. Began new UCAP practice of regular reports from the UCAP representative on Athletic Council. (April 27, 2006)

**Pending issues for 2006-2007**

1. Consideration of establishment of Fall Semester break
2. Consideration of proposal to modify policies for acceptance of College Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations for academic credit.
3. Consideration of religious observance policies.
4. Consideration of academic integrity policies and grade marker for academic dishonesty.
5. Consider possible changes to Dean's List policy.