

ACADEMIC COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Academic Policy

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Marty Crimp

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR 2009-10:

1. Committee did not endorse the request to require an overall 2.0 grade-point average to enroll in a Tier II writing course and earn a 2.0 in the Tier II course to graduate in the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. (9/24/09)
2. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, recommended the moratorium on admission to the teacher certification option in the Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology be granted. (10/8/09)
3. Committee endorsed the request to establish a 121 credit Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science.: Social Science Education. (10/8/09)
4. Committee endorsed the request to require a higher minimum grade point average for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. The committee recommended that the Academic Programs catalog indicate, in the appropriate sections, that applications with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.75 would not be considered for admission. (10/8/09)
5. Committee did not endorse the request for an increase in the minimum GPA required by Nursing in its prerequisite science courses from 2.0 to 2.5. (10/8/09)
6. Committee endorsed, contingent upon using language in the Academic Programs catalog describing the College of Social Science, Bachelor of Science, Social Science Requirement, the request to require a minimum 2.0 grade point average for courses in the Economics minor. (10/22/09)
7. Committee discussion on Course Repeat Policy. (10/22/09)
8. Committee discussed the advisory role of academic governance in academic programs: moratoriums, disbandment, mergers, relative to UCAPs bylaws and the process as defined in Academic Programs. (11/5/09)
9. Committee discussion on Course Repeat Policy. (11/5/09)
10. Committee, in its consultative role, provided feedback to Vice President for Student Affairs and Services and Vice Provost for Academic Student Services and Multicultural Issues on the proposed revision of the mandatory assessment and involuntary withdraw policy. (11/19/09)
11. Committee endorsed the request to establish a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering which requires 128 credits in Dubai. (11/19/09)
12. Committee adopted procedures of public comment in committee meetings. (11/19/09)
13. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, forwarded the request for a moratorium on admission to the Deaf Education emphasis area of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education with concerns. (12/3/09)
14. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, forwarded the request for

a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and the request for a moratorium on admission to the minor in American Studies with no concerns. (12/3/09)

15. Committee discussion on Course Repeat Policy. (12/3/09)

16. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Studies. (12/10/09)

17. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, forwarded the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communicative Sciences and Disorders with concerns. (12/10/09)

18. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, forwarded the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Technology with concerns. (12/17/09)

19. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Retailing. (12/17/09)

20. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Geophysics. (12/17/09)

21. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Arts degree in General Business Administration – Prelaw. (12/17/09)

22. Committee discussion on Course Repeat Policy. Taskforce formed to review the policy and to make recommendations regarding next steps. (1/14/10)

23. Committee endorsed the request to require a minimum grade of 2.00 in selected courses in the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre. (1/14/10)

24. Committee approved the request to change the admission requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism with recommended catalog language change. (1/28/10)

25. An ad hoc committee was formed to review SIRS and SOCT policies and practices. (1/28/10)

26. Committee approved the request for changes in admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Apparel and Textile Design with the recommendation that the 24-credit statement be rephrased for clarity. (2/11/10)

27. Committee approved request for a new disciplinary teaching minor in Spanish elementary. (2/11/10)

28. Committee discussion on Course Repeat Policy. Committee votes to move proposal forward for comment by the Office of the Registrar, Office of Financial Aid, academic associate deans. (2/11/10)

29. Committee approved request for a new program – Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Development. (2/11/10)

30. Committee requests feedback from the Office of the Registrar on student ranking standards in the Big Ten and other comparable universities in the U.S. In addition, the committee asked the University Registrar for feedback on the feasibility of ranking students at MSU. (2/11/10)

31. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the

- request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Soil Science. (2/25/10)
32. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, recommended the request for a new specialization in Sustainability. (2/25/10)
33. Committee discussion on Course Repeat Policy. (2/25/10)
34. Committee discussion on SIRS/SOCT. Committee approves implementation of a SIRS summer '10 pilot test to improve online SIRS response rates. (2/25/10)
35. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Pathology. (3/18/10)
36. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Technology Systems Management. (3/18/10)
37. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, expressed concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Entomology. (3/18/10)
38. Committee endorsed the request for a new minor in Horticulture. (4/1/10)
39. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, expressed concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Lyman Briggs College, Entomology coordinate major. (4/1/10)
40. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Geophysics. (4/1/10)
41. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for an extension to a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communicative Sciences and Disorders. (4/1/10)
42. Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for an extension to a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Retailing. (4/1/10)
43. Committee discussion of SIRS subcommittee report. (4/1/10)
44. Committee approved the request to lower the total credits required for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Engineering Sciences from '128' to '120' and require a combined GPA in Computer Science and Engineering 231 and 260 for the Computer Science Concentration. (4/29/10)
45. Officers and representatives for 2010-11 were elected (4/29/10)
46. Committee completed discussion of proposed revision to Course Repeat Policy and will forward its recommendations to the Provost and ECAC.
47. SIRS Subcommittee provided its report on the upcoming pilot test of changes to online SIRS. (4/29/10)

LIST OF PROSPECTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2010-2011 Academic Year:

1. Course Repeat Policy
2. Integrity of Scholarship and Grades Update
3. SIRS policy review
4. SOCT policy review