STANDING COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR
DECEMBER 2008, JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2009

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG)

Report pending.
COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: R. Sekhar Chivukula

Summary of Committee Activities for December 2008, and January, February 2009:

1. Committee discussion and formation of subcommittee to review Course Repeat Policy. (12/4/08)

2. Committee discussion and work on Integrity of Scholarship and Grades policy revision proposal. (12/4/08)

3. Committee formed new Religious Observance subcommittee to integrate the recommendations received into a revised proposal. (12/4/08)

4. Committee considered and endorsed the request to change the admission as a junior in Music statement recommending that Insert 1 to the proposed catalogue language be revised to state that the upper division performance examination is a prerequisite for the courses required for the degree and not a prerequisite for admission to junior standing. (1/15/09)

5. Committee considered and endorsed the request to require a grade point of 2.00 in CEP 430 in the Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education, Deaf Education area of emphasis. (1/15/09)

6. Committee considered and deferred decision on the request to require a grade-point average of 3.00 for admission into the Production Animal Scholars Concentration in the Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. (1/15/09) Request was withdrawn by department. (1/29/09)

7. Committee reviewed proposed revisions to committee bylaws and developed recommendations to present at Academic Council. (1/15/09)

8. Committee discussion and subcommittee work on Course Repeat Policy. (1/29/09)

9. Committee discussion and subcommittee work on Integrity of Scholarship and Grades draft. (1/29/09)

10. Committee considered and endorsed the request to establish a linked BS-MS program in each of the following departments: Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. (2/12/09)

11. Committee discussion and subcommittee work on Religious Observance and Course Repeat Policy. (2/12/09)
12. Committee completed work on Integrity of Scholarship and Grades policy proposal and accompanying letter to Academic Council and Faculty Council. (02/12/09) This proposal was subsequently adopted by Faculty Council (02/17/09) and Academic Council (02/24/09).

List of Prospective Agenda Items for the Upcoming Meetings:

1. Discussion and subcommittee work on proposed revision to the Religious Observance Policy.

2. Discussion and input to Academic Year Review Task Force.

3. UCAP will consider a proposed amendment to the MSU Antidiscrimination Policy and provide a recommendation to Faculty Council.

4. UCAP will review the proposed revision to the MSU Outside Speakers Policy.

5. Committee will research, review, and discuss MSU Course Repeat Policy.
COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Curriculum (UCC)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Linda Good

Summary of Committee Activities for December, January and February 2009:


Proposal #1: Enable departments to offer a minor in a field of study where no major is offered and eliminate the requirement that the minor must carry the same field of study name as the major. Approved by UCAP 11/6/08. Approved by Faculty Council 1/20/09 and Academic Council 2/24/09.

Coordinated with Linda Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services, for Joy Speas and Kristin Schuette to demonstrate the new Academic Programs Catalog at the Academic Council meeting on 2/24/09.

List of Prospective Agenda Items for the Upcoming Meetings:

Present UCC Full committee report at March 17, 2009 and April 21, 2009 Academic Council meetings.

Select UCC Chair, subcommittee chairs, military science representative and UCC representative to Academic Council at the April 9, 2009 UCC Full committee meeting.
COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Faculty Affairs (UCFA)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Professor Deborah Moriarty

Summary of committee activities for December, January, February 2009:

Discussed, approved and forwarded to Faculty Council the Revised Faculty Grievance Policy.
Discussed and reviewed Web Accessibility Policy FAQ’s.
Discussed and reviewed COS profile requirement for intramural grants. COS profiles will no longer be required.
Ongoing discussions of administrative structure and salaries.
Ongoing discussions of health care issues with the Faculty Health Care Committee.
Ongoing discussions of ways to increase faculty involvement and understanding of university governance.
Changes to the Anti-Discrimination Policy.
Discussion and review of the Religious Observance Policy.
Ongoing discussion of academic calendar revision.
Discussion of hiring adjunct faculty in the College of Medicine.

List of prospective agenda items for the upcoming meetings:
Ongoing discussion of academic calendar revision.
Ongoing discussions of health care issues with the Faculty Health Care Committee.
Reviewing civility statement that will come from UCSA.
Changes to the Anti-Discrimination Policy.
Discussion of the use and relevance of SIRS forms.
Faculty salary recommendation.
Faculty Grievance Officer review.
Discussion of hiring adjunct faculty in the College of Medicine.
Discussion of definition of scholarship
Ongoing discussions of health care issues with the Faculty Health Care Committee.
Continued discussions on long term financial planning
Changing in-house publications to electronic publications as a “green” initiative.
Continued discussion of “healthy campus” initiatives – calorie information on menus, free access to IM facilities.
Review of the Sexual Harassment Policy.
COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT)

Report Pending
COMMITTEE NAME: University Graduate Council (UGC)

Report Pending
COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Sandte Stanley

Summary of Committee Activities for December, January and February 2009:

UCSA was charged by ECAC with several items from December through February which UCSA has worked hard to fulfill.

Representation from UCSA was provided to the Academic Year Calendar Task Force. UCSA has been kept informed of the progression of this committee and has provided feedback via surveymonkey on the pilot academic calendar survey the Task Force has recently distributed.

We have also been charged with working in conjunction with UCFA in an effort to make a statement on civility regarding the MSU community; this draft is still in progress.

The Student Accountability Measure has gone through several drafts which UCSA has discussed and will continue to discuss into its March meeting.

The Outside Speaker’s Policy has been drafted and revised in order to make a more effective and clear policy. UCSA has given feedback to the Vice-President of Student Affairs and MSU legal counsel and the document is currently in the governance system.

Changes to the Academic Freedom Report are still a priority for UCSA. A subcommittee which meets regularly has been formed and continues to make efforts to produce changes to the document.

List of Prospective Agenda Items for the Upcoming Meetings:

The following are items that UCSA plans to discuss at future meetings: the UCAP Proposed Religious Observance Policy, the statement on civility, and climate in residence halls.