University Committee on Academic Governance and University Graduate Council were not received.

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Academic Policy

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: R. Sekhar Chivukula

Summary of Committee Activities for March and April 2009:

1. UCAP considered a proposed amendment to the MSU Anti-Discrimination Policy (ADP), hearing opinions from Professor Fred Fico and Ms. Paulette Granberry Russell. Action was deferred until Ms. Kristine Zayko, Deputy General Counsel, could present her opinion to the committee at its March 26 meeting. (3/19/09)

2. UCAP considered and endorsed the proposed revision to the Outside Speakers Policy with suggestions for three minor modifications. (3/19/09)

3. UCAP considered a proposed amendment to the MSU Anti-Discrimination Policy, hearing the opinion of Ms. Kristine Zayko, Deputy General Counsel. In its response to ECAC, the committee suggested the proposed amendment had significant legal deficiencies and that the committee members were not persuaded that modification of the ADP is necessary. In addition, UCAP recommended that action on the proposal be delayed until a review of the MSU ADP by appropriate university standing committees and the Office of the General Council had been completed. (3/26/09)

4. UCAP recommended that the request for a moratorium on admission to the Bachelor of Music degree in music therapy be granted. (3/26/09)

5. UCAP deferred decision on the request to require a grade of 2.00 in HRT 259A, HRT 259B, and HRT 259C in the Organic Farming Agricultural Technology Certificate. (3/26/09)
   Note: The request was subsequently withdrawn by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

6. Committee discussion and subcommittee work on the proposed revision to the University Policy on Religious Observance. (3/26/09)

7. UCAP approved a proposed revision to the Religious Observance Policy. (4/2/09)

8. Committee discussion and subcommittee report on research and review of the MSU Course Repeat Policy. (4/2/09) and (4/16/09)

List of Prospective Agenda Items for the Upcoming Meetings:

1. Election of Officers (4/30/09)
2. Committee will research, review, and discuss MSU Course Repeat Policy
ACADEMIC COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Curriculum

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Linda Good

Summary of Committee Activities for March and April 2009:

Presented UCC Full committee report at the March 2009 and April 2009 Academic Council meetings.

At April 30, last Full Committee meeting, the following were elected:
UCC Chair – Linda Good
Subcommittee A Chair – Ryan Sweeder
Subcommittee B Chair – Steven Sowards
Subcommittee C Chair – John Kratus
Military Science Representative – Paul Rubin
UCC representative to Academic Council – Carol Parker-Lee
Liberal Learning – Larry Martin

Worked with Joy Speas in Curriculum and Catalog to change the form for course requests to make sure that units consider dropping current courses when they propose new courses so that new course proliferation ceases.

List of Prospective Agenda Items for the Upcoming Meetings:

For fall 2009, UCC will continue to review programs and courses. UCC will no doubt, be involved in working with administration to find ways to cut costs through curriculum changes/reorganizations. Some structure for pursuing these initiatives may develop over summer 2009.

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COMMITTEE NAME:  University Committee on Faculty Affairs (UCFA)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:  Professor Deborah Moriarty

Summary of committee activities for March and April 2009:
Discussed and approved letter to Provost Wilcox containing the recommendation for a 2009-10 faculty merit and market pool increase.
Discussed and approved positive five year review of the Faculty Grievance Officer.
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.
Continuing discussion of changes to the Anti-Discrimination Policy.
Ongoing discussion of academic calendar revision.
Ongoing discussion of definition of scholarship.
Discussion of hiring adjunct faculty in the College of Medicine.
Report and discussion on appropriate use of MSU email services.
Ongoing discussion of UCSA Civility statement.

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 from UCSA.
Changes to the Anti-Discrimination Policy.
Discussion of the use and relevance of SIRS forms.
Faculty salary recommendation.
Discussion of hiring adjunct faculty in the College of Medicine.
Discussion of definition of scholarship.
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)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Michael Kroth

Summary of Committee Activities for March and April, 2009:

During March and April Faculty Council and Academic Council approved the revisions to the Operating Principles of the Tenure System and Tenure Policy. The revised policy is scheduled for review at the Board of Trustees meeting, which will be held on April 24, 2009. The UCFT has posted the college level tenure guidelines from each of the colleges on its website (www1.provost.msu.edu/UCFT/UCFT_Guidelines.htm). There were no new personnel matters during this time.

List of Prospective Agenda Items for the Upcoming Meetings:

The final meeting for the 2008-2009 academic year will be held on April 29, and will include the review of a probationary appointment extension request, discussion of agenda items for the next academic year, introduction of new committee members, and the election of a new UCFT Chair.

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Student Affairs

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Sandte Stanley

Summary of Committee Activities for March and April, 2009:

- UCSA has given feedback to the Vice-President of Student Affairs and MSU legal counsel regarding the Outside Speaker’s Policy and endorsed.
- UCSA requested a membership increase by 1 student who is to be a member of Academic Assembly. This request has been sent through UCAG and Faculty Council and awaits approval from Academic Council.
- Changes to the Bulk e-mail guidelines have been reviewed by UCSA with the assistance of Kristine Zayko and Dave Gift.
- UCSA has begun work on a statement regarding civility as requested by ECAC which is to be written in conjunction with UCFA.
- Revisions to the Academic Freedom Report continue to be an ongoing project that a UCSA subcommittee has been dedicated to.

List of Prospective Agenda Items for the Upcoming Meetings:

- Continued review and updates to the AFR.
- A presentation on Restorative Justice as it pertains to the residence halls.

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