ACADEMIC COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
FALL SEMESTER 2011

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Undergraduate Studies (UCUS)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Laura K. Dillon

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR FALL SEMESTER 2011:

1. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had only one minor concern with a Request to Establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Linguistics and Master of Arts Degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages; specifically, it suggested the program consider raising the required 3.25 GPA level for admission to the linked degrees. (9/8)

2. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new linked BA in Marketing and MS in Marketing Research. (9/22)

3. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, has no concerns about the request to phase out and discontinue the disciplinary teaching minor in Environmental Science. (9/22)

4. The Committee had no concerns about changing the name of the Department of Internal Medicine to the Department of Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine and International Medicine, but supported selection of a less cumbersome alternative for the department’s name, such as Associate Dean Riegle’s suggestion of Osteopathic Medical Specialties. (9/22)

5. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the proposed revision to the policy on "Minimum Scores for Provisional Admission" for Undergraduate International Student Admission. (9/22)

6. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request to change the name of the Department of Epidemiology to the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. (10/20)

7. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the BS degree in Media and Communication Technology and the request for a moratorium on admission to the BA degree in Media Arts and Technology. (11/3)

8. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new linked BA degree in Advertising and MA degree in Public Relations and the request for a new linked BA degree in Advertising and MA degree in Advertising. (11/3)

9. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a moratorium on admission to the BS degree in Child Development. The committee asked that the UCC review the beginning and ending dates of the moratorium to insure current students would not be disadvantaged. (11/17)
10. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the Proposal to Combine the Departments of Crop and Soil Sciences and Plant Pathology into a new department.

11. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, supported the recommended change in requirements for the linked Bachelor’s –Master’s degree policy that would allow colleges with programs that require more than 30 credits for the master’s degree to apply more than 9 credits toward the master’s degree but not more than one-fourth of the total number of credits required for the master’s degree. (12/01)

12. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, recommended adoption of the changes to the language in the Code of Teaching and the Integrity of Scholarship and Grades recommended by the Office of the Provost with three modifications. (12/15)

13. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, supported the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Taskforce on Assessment that MSU consider initiating consortial arrangements and/or development of testing facilities to accommodate the growing need for proctoring in an online environment. (12/15)

14. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, strongly recommended that the University look more deeply at the issues unique to online education and proctoring to develop and publish standards of practice for MSU courses. This may include an inventory and consolidation of all policies and practices regarding development and implementation of online course components, courses, and assessment practices. (12/15)

**LIST OF PROSPECTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. Consider and offer comment on proposals for changes to academic programs, as appropriate.
2. Consider and offer comment on proposed initiatives, including
   a. University Research Organization Report
   b. Energy Transition Report
   c. Research Faculty Track Report
3. Consider and provide comments for the Provost’s Review
4. Consider impact of curricular barriers on time to graduation and reducing unneeded barriers
5. Renaming the Committee

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Thank you!