ACADEMIC COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
Academic Year 2011-2012

COMMITTEE NAME: University Committee on Undergraduate Studies (UCUS)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Laura K. Dillon

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR AY2011:

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)

15. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new linked Bachelor of Science Degree in Media and Information and Master of Arts Degree in Telecommunication, Information Studies and Media and a new linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Media and Information and Master of Arts Degree in Telecommunication, Information Studies and Media. (01/12)

16. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, requested a clarification from the department on the minimum GPA required for entry into the linked BA/MA Degree in Journalism. If the result is a required GPA of 3.5, the committee has no concerns about the request. (01/12)

17. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new coordinate major in Lyman Briggs College – Actuarial Science and a new coordinate major in Lyman Briggs College – Mathematics, Advanced. (01/12)

18. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new minor in History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science in Lyman Briggs College. (01/26)

19. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request to phase out and discontinue the Bachelor of Arts Degree in General Business Administration-Prelaw. (01/26)

20. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request to phase out and discontinue the Bachelor of Science Degree in Child Development. (01/26)

21. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request to change the admission requirement for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Advertising. (02/09)
22. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request new linked Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre. (02/09)
23. The University Committee on Undergraduate Studies (UCUS) requests that its name be changed to the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE). (02/09)
24. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new minor in Materials Science and Engineering. (02/23)
25. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a policy change to Dual Enrollment by High School Students. (02/23)
26. The Committee discussed and approved comments to forward to the Steering Committee as input for the Provost Review. (02/23)
27. The Committee approved forwarding to the Steering Committee a recommendation in support of proceeding with the recommendation in the University Research Organization Report. (02/23)
28. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics, Advanced. (03/15)
29. The Committee, in its consultative capacity to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience. (03/15)
30. The Committee approved forwarding to the Steering Committee a recommendation in support of the Energy Transition Plan. (03/29)
31. The Committee formed a subcommittee to review a proposal by ASMSU regarding a Student Bereavement Policy. (03/29)
32. The Committee, in its consultative role to the Provost, had no concerns with the proposed revisions to the Drop and Withdrawal Policies at MSU, Change of Enrollment Policy and Withdrawal from the University Policy. (04/12)
33. The Committee approved a draft response to the Steering Committee clarifying questions about the Online SIERS. (04/12)
34. The Committee discussed a proposal by ASMSU for internship credits to be billed at the actual cost to the University, assuming that those costs would be lower than the regular tuition rate that is currently assessed. It recommended that ASMSU reevaluate and refine the proposal for consideration in Fall 2012. (04/12)
35. The Committee, in its consultative role to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a change in admission requirement for the Bachelor of Science degree in Packaging. (04/26)
36. The Committee, in its consultative role to the Provost, had no concerns about the request for a new coordinate major in Lyman Briggs College with Food Science. (04/26).
37. The Committee, in its consultative role to the Provost, had no concerns about the request to allow credits to be awarded that are earned in the CLEP and DANTES both before and after matriculation at MSU. (04/26)
PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS FOR AY2012:

1. Consider and offer comment on proposals for changes to academic programs.
2. Address concerns raised by ASMSU about a need for a Student Bereavement Policy.
3. Address concerns raised by ASMSU about billing of internship credits.