**Committee Name:** Admission and Academic Policies Committee

**Chair:** Kristi Robinia

**Subject:** AAPC Annual Report to the Academic Senate 2010-2011

**Members:** Kristi Robinia (Chair), Gary McDonnell (Vice Chair), Krista Clumpner (Secretary), Faculty representatives: Mary Etchison, Carol Johnson, Mike Martin, William Tireman, Paul Truckey, Ruth Watry. Gerri Daniels (Admissions), Christine Greer (Dean of Students), Jim Gadzinski (ACAC), Kim Rotundo (Registrar), Brittany Voich (ASNMU)

The committee met six times during the year, for approximately one and one-half hours each time and submitted three recommendations to the Academic Senate. A seventh time will be held after the filing of this report to handle final academic appeals and choose new officers for the coming 2010-2011 year.

**Academic Appeals**

A major part of the committee’s activity is to hear appeals by students, who have been suspended or dismissed from NMU, for readmission. The committee as a whole (during the regular academic year) or designated members (during breaks) hear and consider each appeal. The Dean of Students is available for emergency appeals and submits a report to the committee on those actions. The totals for the appeals hear so far in this academic year were:

Summer Break 2010: 49 appeals 26 granted

Fall 2010: 11 appeals 6 granted

Winter Break 2010-2011: 47 appeals 6 granted

Dean of Student Emergency Appeals: 10 appeals 2 granted

Winter 2011: 4 appeals\* 3 granted\*

(\*Final appeals meeting scheduled for 4/15/2011)

**Academic and Admission Policy Considerations**

The committee requested and received confirmation from Members of Senate Executive committee on the procedure for processing admission procedures/policies/standards for programs on campus. AAPC was deemed the correct venue for processing proposed changes in admission procedures/policies/standards for existing programs as long as changes to the actual curriculum are not involved. In the case of new programs, CUP remains the appropriate venue. After receiving that confirmation, the committee considered two proposals to admission policy changes. The committee’s action on the proposals is listed below.

**#) Changes in the entry and retention standards for the School of Education**

The committee voted to approve changes in the entry and retention standards for the School of Education including: a) replacement of the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) with passage of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Basic Skills test and b) increasing full admission requirements from 24 college credits to 28 credits. Subsequent Senate action and acceptance by the Provost on 2/1/2011 has resulted in the policy change being accepted.

**#2) Proposed New Selection Standards from the Department of Nursing**

The committee voted to approve a proposal from the School of Nursing (SON) to use an admission grid for ranking applicants. The admission grid takes into account cumulative GPA, science GPA, previous degree awarded, and completing prerequisites at NMU. The SON prerequisite course criteria and admission minimum GPA remains the same. Subsequent Senate action and acceptance by the Provost has resulted in the new selection standards being accepted as of 2-1-2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Robinia

AAPC Chair 2010-1011