**Committee Name:** Admissions and Academic Policies Committee (AAPC)

**Chair:**  Michael Martin

**Subject:**  AAPC Annual Report to the Academic Senate 2014-2015

**Members:** Heather Isaacson, Mary Etchison, Catherine Oliver, Chris Greer, Michael Crum, Laura Soldner, Gerri Daniels, Jim Gadzinski, Jeanne M. Lorentzen (Vice-Chair), Kim Rotundo, Ruth Watry (Secretary).

Non-voting member: Lenette Pynnonen (Proficiency Officer)

AAPC met twice during Fall 2014 (10/10; 11/7) and thus far, twice during Winter 2014 (2/20; 3/20). AAPC will have a final meeting for the semester on 4/17. Subcommittees for processing emergency appeals between semesters met three times during the summer 2014 and twice during winter break 2014-2015.

**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 (or designated members during breaks) hears and considers 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 hearings so far in this academic year were:

Appeals Granted

Summer Break: May 14- Aug 30              49 Appeals          17 Granted

Fall 2014: Sept 1- Dec 30                         7 Appeals            4 Granted

Winter Break (January 7&12)                  38 Appeals          17 Granted

Winter 2015 (April 17th) As of this writing 2 appeals will be viewed on 4/17

**Academic and Admission Policy Considerations:** AAPC forwarded five recommended motions to the Senate during the 2013-2014 academic year.

1. **Change in transfer credit policy from international institutions**

The current transfer credit policy related to transfers from international institutions indicates we will only accept external credit evaluations from one organization. There are, in fact, several reputable and credible organizations that perform this service. Accepting any evaluation from a company that is a member of NACES is the common practice among other U.S. institutions. This change allows for more options and flexibility for both the student and the University.

Senate approval for this recommendation was obtained on 10-28-14. Effective: Fall 2015

**2. AP (Advanced Placement) credit limit removal**

Remove the limit on the number of Advance Placement credits which may be awarded to a student. The current limit seems to be somewhat arbitrary and there is no sound academic reason for it. Of the 14 other public Universities in Michigan, only 3 have a limit; 11 have no limit. This limit is on all types of AP credit, which includes AP exams, CLEP exams, and departmental credit, or any combination of these. If students have proven, through acceptable methods of testing and/or documented experience, that they have gained the required knowledge, there is no reason they should be denied the credit they have earned. As the policy currently stands, it encourages strong students to consider other Universities where they won’t lose credit they’ve earned.

Senate approval for this recommendation was obtained on 3-10-15. Effective: Fall 2015.

**3. Update the associate degree requirements to reflect changes from the liberal studies requirements to the general education requirements.**

Updates to the bulletin are required to reflect the new general education requirements.

Senate will be reviewing this proposal on 4-7-15. Effective: Fall 2015.

**4. Revisions to the membership portion of the AAPC bylaws**

The revisions reflect how the committee has been operating for the past 6 years. There is also confusion as to what “ex officio” means. Additionally the existing document refers to the position of Associate Provost for Student Services and Enrollment, which no longer exists.

Senate will be reviewing this proposal on 4-7-15. Effective: Fall 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Martin

AAPC Chair 2014-2015