

SUMMARY
Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs Committee
December 12, 2013

Members Present: Dr. Sook Wilkinson, Chair, (participated via conference call for agenda items 1-4), Mr. Gil Ziegler, Acting Chair, and Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen

Other Members Present: Dr. Garn Lewis, Mr. Steven Mitchell, Mr. Richard Popp, Dr. Paul Lang, Dr. David Haynes, ex officio

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Academic Senate Update

Dr. Larry Pagel, Chair of the Academic Senate, provided a summary of Senate activities. Reports from several Senate committees have been approved and forwarded to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for review and approval.

Charter School Board Member New Appointments

Mr. William Pistulka, Charter Schools Officer, proposed new board member appointments for Experiencia Preparatory Academy and South Pointe Scholars Academy.

After motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the approval of the board member appointments. This motion is part of the formal recommendations.

Charter School Resolutions & New Board Member Appointments

Mr. William Pistulka, Charter Schools Officer, recommended approval of a resolution to issue charters to the following academies covering the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

Francis Reh Academy, Saginaw, Michigan

Board Members:	Catherine Kretz	3 yr. term
	Stanley Krajkowski	3 yr. term
	Penny Lichon	2 yr. term
	Maria Goretti Beckman	2 yr. term
	Patrick Cushman	1 yr. term

George Crockett Academy, Detroit, Michigan

Board Members:	Josh Keagle	3 yr. term
	Lisa Bey-Knight	3 yr. term
	Bryan Iannuzzi	2 yr. term
	Jesse Stegger	2 yr. term

Universal Leadership Academy, Port Huron, Michigan

Board Members:	Martin Doorn	3 yr. term
	Chris Gearhart	3 yr. term
	Melinda Johnson	2 yr. term
	Patricia Tibble	1 yr. term

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Academic Affairs Dashboard

Dr. Paul Lang, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs discussed enhancements to the Academic Affairs Dashboard. Future updates to the Dashboard will include benchmarking against external groups and establishing a schedule for developing metrics.

Longyear Assessment

Dr. Ron Sundell, Professor, Earth, Environmental & Geographical Sciences and Mr. Evan Weber and Ms. Jenelle Pelletier, undergraduate students, presented their findings from an environmental impact assessment of the Longyear property. The study provided information on the property's physical and biological characteristics and an understanding of how the land can best be managed in the future.

Accreditation Update

Dr. Paul Lang, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs provided an update on accreditation activities including creation of a Steering Committee, current and upcoming action projects, academic assessment of learning and the timeline for submission of the systems portfolio. The Higher Learning Commission will visit NMU in January 2014. The purpose of the site visit is two-fold: to seek approval for the DNP program and to increase NMU's distance-delivery capacity.

Physical Therapy Assistant Program

Dr. Paul Lang, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs discussed issues related to starting and maintaining a Physical Therapy Assistant program at NMU including start-up costs and the availability of clinical placement sites. In addition, program personnel must have a DPT (or terminal degree) and experience in higher education. Personnel with these credentials and experience are difficult to find.

Sabbatical Report

Dr. Paul Lang, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs provided information on sabbatical leave applications. Seven NMU faculty members have been awarded sabbaticals that will take place during the 2014-15 academic year.

Mr. Ziegler thanked the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.