

**SUMMARY**  
**Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees**  
**Academic Affairs Committee**  
**September 17, 2015**

**Members Present:** Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen, Chair, Dr. L. Garnet Lewis (participated via conference call), Mr. Steve Mitchell

**Others Present:** Mr. Richard Popp, Mr. Scott Holman, Mr. Robert Mahaney, Ms. Tami Seavoy, Dr. Sook Wilkinson, Dr. Kerri Schuiling, Dr. Fritz Erickson, ex officio

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:23 p.m.

**Academic Senate Report**

Dr. Liz Monske provided an update of Senate activities. To date, they have received reports about veterans and an online training program for faculty who teach online courses.

**Charter School Board Renewals/Appointments**

Mr. William Pistulka, Charter Schools Officer, discussed recent activities in the Charter Schools Office and proposed a new board member appointment for J.K. Bahweting Public School Academy.

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

**Accreditation Update**

Ms. Kim Barron, Director of Institutional Accreditation and Assessment, provided an update on current Action Projects and the Comprehensive Quality Review visit. The goals of the Comprehensive Quality Review visits are to satisfy Higher Learning Commission and federal compliance requirements and to maintain our accreditation.

**New Program Approval**

Professor April Lindala, Director, Center for Native American Studies presented a new Native American Studies major. The program is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2016. Mr. Aaron Payment participated via teleconference and added his full support to the program. Mr. Payment was recently appointed to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

**After motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the approval of the Native American Studies program. This motion is part of the formal recommendations.**

**Construction Management Presentation**

Professor Heidi Blanck, Technology & Occupational Sciences and Mr. Mike LaFleur, undergraduate student, gave a presentation on Capstone Research Projects in the Construction Management program. She discussed past and current projects including a mobile starting shack and timing house for Marquette Mountain Ski Resort

**Introduction of New Administrator**

Dr. Kerri Schuiling, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs introduced Dr. Charlie Mesloh, Interim Dean in the College of Health Sciences and Professional Studies.

Dr. Zurbuchen thanked the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.