

SUMMARY
Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs Committee
April 28, 2016

Members Present: Mr. Steve Mitchell, Chair, Dr. L. Garnet Lewis, and Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen

Others Present but not participating: Mr. Richard Popp, 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 2:41 p.m.

Academic Senate Report

Professor Rachel Nye provided an update of Senate activities. Since the last report, they have approved reports from various committees, faculty reassigned time, Spooner awards and the Peter White Scholar award. The Senate also approved the recommendation to discontinue the HP 200 course and an HP activity course as a graduation requirement.

Charter School Board Renewals/Appointments

Mr. William Pistulka, Charter Schools Officer, proposed board member appointments and reappointments for Bahweting Public School Academy, Burton Glen Charter School Academy, East Shore Leadership Academy, Francis Reh Public School Academy, George Crockett Academy, Nah Tah Wahsh Public School Academy, North Star Academy, South Pointe Scholars Academy, and Walton Charter School 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 Reauthorization – Burton Glen Charter School Academy

Mr. William Pistulka, Charter Schools Officer, recommended approval of a resolution to issue a charter to Burton Glen School Academy covering the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

After motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the approval of the resolution for Burton Glen Charter School Academy. This motion is part of the formal recommendations.

Charter School Reauthorization – Walton Charter School Academy

Mr. William Pistulka, Charter Schools Officer, recommended approval of a resolution to issue a charter to Walton Charter School Academy covering the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

After motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the approval of the resolution for Walton Charter School Academy. This motion is part of the formal recommendations.

Educational Quality Overview

Ms. Kim Barron, Director of Institutional Accreditation and Assessment, updated the committee on educational quality, academic program review and assessment of learning processes. She also provided an update on general education reform and action projects that address student learning.

College of Business Update

Dr. David Rayome, Dean of the College of Business, provided an update of the College's credit hour production, staffing issues and enrollment growth/decline between 2011 and 2015. He also discussed

strategic focus areas: academic excellence, student success, outreach and engagement, and investment and innovation.

New Program Approval: Deaf Studies Certificate

Dr. Paul Mann, Associate Dean, School of Clinical Sciences, presented a proposal for a new Deaf Studies Certificate program. The 20-credit hour certificate program would be the only one in the Upper Peninsula. The program is scheduled to begin in fall 2016.

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

Program Deletions:

Dr. Kerri Schuiling, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs presented a proposal to delete the Criminal Justice graduate certificate, the Entertainment and Sports Promotion bachelor's degree program, and the Math Education Master's Degree program.

After motion duly made and seconded the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the approval of the deletion of the Criminal Justice graduate certificate, the Entertainment and Sports Promotion bachelor's degree program and the Math Education master's degree program. This motion is part of the formal recommendations.

Mr. Mitchell thanked the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.