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

**Chair:** Kristi Robinia

**Subject:** AAPC Annual Report to the Academic Senate 2011-2012

**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)

The committee to date has met seven times during the year, for approximately one and one-half hours each time and submitted two recommendations to the Academic Senate. An eighth meeting will be held after the filing of this report to handle final academic appeals and choose new officers for the coming 2011-2012 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 hearings so far in this academic year were:

Summer Break 2011: 62 appeals 21 granted

Fall 2011: 11 appeals 6 granted

Winter Break 2011-2012: 48 appeals 29 granted

Winter 2012: 5 appeals\* 3 granted\*

(\*Final appeals meeting scheduled for 4/13/2012)

**Academic and Admission Policy Considerations**

**#1) Advanced Placement Policy Revision**

The committee voted to delete the requirement that if a department recommends advanced placement credit that would apply to general electives, the recommendation must also be approved through the student’s major department. Subsequent Senate action (11/18/11) and acceptance by the Provost has resulted in the deletion being accepted as of Winter 2012.

**#2) New Music Admission Standards (Audition)**

The committee voted to approve a proposal from the Music department to revise admission standards to add a performance audition in order to demonstrate musical aptitude for remaining in the major. Subsequent Senate action (2/21/12) and acceptance by the Provost has resulted in the new selection standards being accepted as of Fall 2012.

**Informational Reports for the Senate**

**#1) New procedures for FTP/CTP students**

The committee discussed with Dr. Paul Duby, a new placement procedure (COMPASS) to be used for FTP/CTP students. The committee agreed (on 9/30/11) that this procedure does not change any admission standards for FTP/CTP students, but aims to guide advisors to more appropriate placements of FTP/CTP students in supportive blocks of courses. COMPASS testing assesses reading, writing, and mathematics and test results aim to point students towards blocks of courses designed to address identified weaknesses. There is no cost to the students and this recommendation has received support from the English and Math departments, the Enrollment management network, Developmental Education Advisory Committee, the Provost, and President Wong. The ultimate goal is increased retention of restricted majors whose performance often declines in the second or third semester at NMU after leaving a more structured and supervised first semester experience. Pilot testing is currently scheduled for summer 2012.

**#2) Department of Technology and Occupational Sciences Admissions Requirements**

The committee reviewed language to change the admission requirements for the A.AS. Degree in Building technology program. The change required a 2.25 GPA, 19 ACT composite or 900 SAT combined score in lieu of previous requirements of a high school diploma (or G.E.D.) for admission. AAPC acknowledged that the degree requires physics and trigonometry and felt it appropriate to have a higher entry standard in order to attract and retain a better prepared student. As this change in language was only a minor section of a larger curriculum revision proposal, AAPC sent notification of our deliberation and vote of approval (9/30/11) on these admission requirements to CUP for inclusion in their curriculum deliberations.

**#3) New Proficiency Officer**

The committee welcomed Lenette Pynnonen (Coordinator, Academic Support Services) as the new proficiency officer as of Winter 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Robinia

AAPC Chair 2011-2012