SUMMARY
Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs Committee
September 19, 2013

Members Present: Dr. Sook Wilkinson, Chair, Mr. Gil Ziegler and Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen

Other Members Present: Mr. Stephen Gulis, 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 1:06 p.m.

Academic Senate Update
Dr. Larry Page, Chair of the Academic Senate, provided a summary of Senate activities. The Academic Senate has met only once since the beginning of the semester; however, the standing committees have begun their work.

Weather and Climate Monitoring on Granite Island
Dr. Susy Ziegler, Associate Dean and Head of Earth, Environmental & Geographical Sciences, discussed the weather and climate monitoring station on Granite Island. The station will monitor weather and lake evaporation, measure carbon in the atmosphere, improve near shore marine forecasts and help us better understand rip currents. The weather station is thanks to the generosity of NMU alumnus Mr. Scott L. Holman.

Teacher Preparation
Dr. Joe Lubig, Associate Dean of Teacher Education/Director, School of Education provided an update of teacher preparation at NMU. The Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness has developed recommendations for a statewide evaluation system. The goal is to evaluate public school teachers and administrators through substantive feedback and to provide an opportunity for continuous improvement.

Microbial Imaging Technology Collaboration
Dr. Josh Sharp, Assistant Professor of Biology, discussed his collaboration with Microbial Imaging Technology, a California company that has developed a patented laser-based technology that can identify bacteria in a very short period of time. This project will offer students a unique opportunity to utilize modern technology to address major issues in the field of infectious disease.

Graduate Education Update
Dr. Brian Cherry, Assistant Provost for Graduate Education & Research, provided the committee with an update on activities in Graduate Education. He discussed an improved infrastructure, enrollment trends, goals and initiatives to increase graduate enrollment.

Introduction of New Administrators/Staff
Dr. Paul Lang introduced new administrators/staff hired in the Academic Affairs Division:

   Dr. Leslie Warren, Dean of Academic Information Services
   Dr. David Rayome, Interim Dean, College of Business
   Dr. Charles Mesloh, Department Head, Criminal Justice
   Dr. Carter Wilson, Department Head, Political Science
   Ms. Kim Barron, Director of Institutional Accreditation and Assessment

Dr. Wilkinson thanked the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.