




University Academic Senate
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Memorandum

TO: Dan Vaughn, Chair, Academic Policies and Standards Committee

FROM: Kristine Botsford Mullendore, Chair, ECS/UAS 

SUBJECT: Agenda for 2010-2011

DATE: August 20, 2010

CC: Gayle R. Davis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
ECS Members
APSC Members

At its retreat on August 19, 2010, the Executive Committee of UAS agreed that we should continue to offer some guidance to the standing committees as they embark upon another academic year. This assistance is intended to support the ongoing work of the members of each committee as they identify and prioritize agenda items for the upcoming academic year.

We congratulate you on your work and achievements over the 2009/2010 academic year, particularly your work on Academic Integrity.

Attached for your reference is the section from the [Faculty Handbook](#) which outlines the regular responsibilities of your standing committee. In attending to these regular duties, ECS would like you, as time permits, to address the following matters in no particular order:

1. Academic Integrity

Based on the Summative Report and Recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Academic integrity at Grand Valley State University (April 12, 2010), consider and propose ways to implement specific recommendations so as to better promote academic integrity and manage academic dishonesty.

2. Grade Inflation

In collaboration with the Graduate Council, examine the degree to which, if at all, grade inflation occurs at the graduate level at Grand Valley within its various Colleges and programs in comparison with its peer institutions and share those findings with the Executive Committee of the Senate along with any committee recommendations for action.

3. Spring/Summer "Last Day to Add" Dates

Students are allowed to add or register for a spring/summer course until 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day of the session. This represents the same number of days as during a regular semester, despite the fact that it occurs during a condensed, spring/summer session. Thus, a student who does not enroll until a Friday will have missed one full week during the spring/summer session (or the approximate equivalent of two and one-half weeks during the regular semester). Examine the extent to which "late additions" occur in spring/summer sessions, assess implications for faculty members teaching those courses, and propose policy revisions, if deemed appropriate.

a. Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC):

- i. Faculty Membership: Faculty membership of the APSC consists of four faculty members from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, one from each of the remaining colleges, and one from the University Libraries. One additional faculty member elected by and from the UAS. The term of office is two years beginning at the end of the winter semester; terms are staggered.
- ii. Student Membership: One student representative selected by the Student Senate for a one-year term.
- iii. Administration Membership: Provost or designee ex officio, non-voting.
- iv. Responsibilities: To study, review, and make pertinent recommendations on academic policies and procedures including admission, retention and dismissal, repeat grades, withdrawal, academic calendar, and suspension of library privileges. The scope of study and review of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee is limited by the published “purposes” of other standing committees of the University Academic Senate.