



ACADEMIC SENATE 2007-2008  
Larry G. Pagel, Chair  
Ruth Watry, Vice Chair  
Andrew Poe, Secretary

**Academic Senate Meeting of November 27th, 2007**  
**Northern Michigan University**  
**Ontario Room of the University Center**  
**Draft Minutes**

- Present:** Larry Pagel (Chair), Ruth Watry (Vice-Chair), Andrew Poe (Secretary), Krista Clumpner (AAUP Liaison) David Boe (Member at Large), Helen Kahn (Member at Large), Alec Lindsay (Member at Large), Carolyn Lowe (Member at Large) Mike Andary, John Andrews, Randy Appleton, Mike Burgmeier, Gloria Clocklin, Laura Schmidt, Jason Morgan, Dave Donovan, Hsinling Hsieh, Nell Kupper, Paul Lang, Charles Leith, Robert Marlor, Don Marquardt, Rebecca Mead, Jane Milkie, Kristi Robina, Cindy Prosen, Charles Rayhorne, Barb Rhyneer, Rajib Sanyal, Terry Seethoff, Marge Sklar, Paul Truckey, Ray Ventre, Darlene Walch, Harvey Wallace (35)
- Absent:** James Brazil, Nick Hinrichsen, Don Dreisbach, Richard Eathorne, Chris Kirk, Jeanne Lorentzen, Don Rybacki (7)
- Proxy:** Mike Andary for Yvonne Lee,
- Guests:** Laura Reissner – CUP, Eileen Smit – Nursing,

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. in the Ontario Room
- II. Additions to/Adoption of Agenda:** None
- III. Approval of Draft Minutes of November 13, 2007:** Darlene Walch asked that the parenthetical remarks pertaining to the student athletes made by the Senate Secretary be removed, a sentiment strongly seconded by Harvey Wallace. The Secretary boldly excised the comment, and the minutes were then **approved** by the Senate.
- IV. Reports:**
- A. **Chair:** Larry Pagel – The VPAA has approved the CUP report of October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- As an update, the Senate Website has been changed by Communication and Marketing. Training will be provided for Senate Committee Chairs that want to maintain their own sites.

B. **Vice Chair:** Ruth Watry – Discussed the AQIP Meeting she attended in Lisle, Illinois where she learned more about the process of AQIP and continual accreditation. The University will still be engaged in action planning but the focus will be on continual self improvement. She sees the Academic Senate as playing an important role in University-wide improvement in the upcoming year. No, really! Important!

C. **Secretary:** Andy Poe- **No Report; Nothing; None.**

D. **Provost:** Susan Koch- Absent

E. **ASNMU:** Laura Schmidt, Jason Morgan, Nick Hinrichsen; **No Report**

**F. CUP Report of November 27, 2007 (First Reading) Motioned by: Ray Ventre & Harvey Wallace.**

Ray Ventre inquired about NU 431 & 432 both being listed as Health 1 – Eileen Smit was on hand to clarify that one class is a lecture and the other is a lab as well as answering questions regarding BI 203 and the role of Graduate Assistants in covering additional course loads.

Randy Appleton asked that CIS 110 not be listed as a prerequisite to classes when what is really required is “computer literacy.” There was some small discussion about whether students who imagine themselves to be computer literate actually are.

**G. GPC Report of November 27, 2007 (ED 571 Attachment) (First Reading) Motioned by: Carolyn Lowe and Jane Milkie**

**No Discussion**

## V. **Unfinished Business**

**A. CUP Report of November 13, 2007 (Second Reading)**

**Discussion:** Ray Ventre wanted to know what the History Department had done regarding prerequisites. Rebecca Mead was in attendance to answer questions. She stated that many students were applying for 300 – 400 level courses without having taken any history before. The prerequisite of having at least one 200 level course before applying for a 300 – 400 level course would curb this.

Ruth Watry noted that ten of the history classes in the undergraduate bulletin are not on the roster. Rebecca explained that the courses listed are not required courses but are electives. It’s easier to keep them in the bulletin than to remove them and have to start the process all over again to put them in place. New classes that have been added reflect the expertise of the new faculty. She also noted that if a class is not taught for five years, it is automatically removed by the registrar.

2. **Criminal Justice Department – Chair Pagel, acting on a request by Charles Leith, separated Item 2 (pertaining to the Criminal Justice program) from of the original report for distinct discussion and vote.**

**Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 were then approved by the Senate unanimously without discussion.**

**Item 2. Criminal Justice Department.** The debate centered around the motion that twelve credits of police academy credit could be counted as general elective credit for the Criminal Justice major but for no other program. (If the Secretary had thought to include police academy training in his general educational plan, for example, he might have gotten into less trouble in his younger days during the golden age of hacking.)

Ruth Watry pointed out that other certificate or associate degree programs across campus let some credits count as general elective credits regardless of to what a student might change his or her major. For example, students in the Cosmetology Program or Clinical Laboratory Science Program can use either 3 or 6 credits as general elective credits.

Ray Ventre wanted to know how the figure of 12 credits was determined. Laura Reissner, the Chair of CUP was on hand to answer questions. The Police Training Academy consists of 800 hours of work. Approximately 600 – 650 are classroom hours with the other 150 being hands on training. The CUP felt that the rigor and amount of work exceeded 12 credit hours but 12 hours was chosen as the accepted amount. CUP, in its discussions, did not feel it was appropriate to apply the 12 credits to campus wide general elective credits, but they could be applied to the Criminal Justice Program.

Several Senate Members articulated that they were uncomfortable with the precedent of giving credits to a student for one program but then taking them away if they decided to change majors.

**Item 2 was approved by the Senate with one Nay vote.**

**VI. New Business:**

The debate regarding the 12 Police Academy Training Credits continued into “New Business” with **a motion being made by Ray Ventre and Randy Appleton to allow the 12 general elective credits that were previously approved to be applied to the Criminal Justice Program only, to apply to all programs in the University as “General Elective Credits.”**

**VII. Informal Consideration: None**

**VIII. Good of the Order: None**

**IX. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 3:48.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jeannie Wratschko  
Secretary to the AAUP/Academic Senate**

**Tastefully edited by,**

**Andrew A. Poe, Secretary  
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cc: President Wong