Committee on Academic Policies and Issues  
Annual Report  
Academic Year 2010-2011

Committee Description:
The Committee on Academic Policies and Issues (CAPI), a standing committee of the University Academic Senate (UAS) pursues long-range planning and vision of the academic mission of the University as it transcends individual programs, schools and colleges. Its business may be initiated by the Senate, the Provost, other Senate bodies, or individual faculty.

Committee Membership
Lea Acord, Senator Liaison - College of Nursing (Chairperson)  
Raquel Aguilu de Murphy – Department of Foreign Languages and Literature  
Steven Byers – College of Communication/Journalism  
Michael Class, Senator Liaison- College of Professional Studies  
James Courtright, Senator Liaison – Department of Biological Sciences  
John Fitzgibbons – Deans’ Council Representative  
Emanuel Niyansaba – Undergraduate Student Representative  
Dan Meissner, UAS Vice-Chairperson - Department of History  
Russell Rueden – Graduate Student Representative  
Doris Walker-Dalhouse – College of Education

Committee Work and Accomplishments
Committee members met six times during the 2010-11 academic year. The following reports were brought to the Senate for approval/acceptance.

1. Report on the Status of Participating Faculty – October 18, 2010
   This report was held over from the previous committee in AY 2009-10. The report had to do with the enormous variation in the way departments and colleges were compensating and managing participating faculty. CAPI recommended that budgets need to be tied more closely to instructional needs, the process for allocation of funds for participating faculty be more transparent, and data be systematically collected and organized to assist in decision making in the future with regard to the hiring and funding of participating faculty. Recommendations with edits were accepted by the Senate.

   This report dealt with the role of the Financial Aid Committee whose services were no longer needed due to changes in the administration of the financial aid packages. CAPI recommended that the Financial Aid Committee be dissolved and that the Provost be requested to bring issues and proposals for academic policy changes to the UAS/CAPI as appropriate before decisions are finalized. The Recommendations from this report were accepted by the Senate.

   CAPI was asked to develop a report about whether the Senate should have a policy on transparency and confidentiality in shared governance procedures with specific emphasis on the dissemination of UAS documents and communications beyond the MU community. CAPI reported to the UAS that we believed a policy should be developed and offered to bring a draft report to the Senate in the fall of 2011 for approval. The Senate voted to request that CAPI prepare such a report in response to a charge that will be developed by the Executive Committee of the UAS.