

## Undergraduate Studies Council (USC) Charges for 2006-07

Dasha Nisula is the Faculty Senate Executive Board's liaison on the Undergraduate Studies Council this year. The Executive Board charges the USC to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate sub-committee or task force, the following issues:

1. Joint charge with the Graduate Studies Council: WMU Branding Initiative - Suggestions/comments/input requested from the Undergraduate Studies Council with particular attention paid to student recruitment and retention.
2. Joint charge with the Graduate Studies Council: Review existing policies in regard to accommodation of a student's right to religious observance.
3. Joint charge with the Graduate Studies Council: Review the process and schedules in the Academic Program Planning (APP) document. [NOTE: This charge was postponed.]
4. Joint charge with the Graduate Studies Council: Look at on-line courses being scheduled through Academic Technology and Instructional Services (ATIS) and explore recent developments in Extended University Programs (EUP) relating to contact hours, program delivery, etc.
5. Issue of continued confusion over late grade change/withdrawal policy: Work with the Registrar's Office and examine existing policies related to late grade change/withdrawal.
6. Consider the issue of no cap placed on the number of credits a student is allowed to register for during a semester.
7. Oversee introduction of the General Education Policy Assessment Committee (GEPAC) as an ad hoc committee of USC to work with the Committee to Oversee General Education (COGE) to reassess objectives and responsibilities of COGE and determine if the two committees should meld into one. USC should coordinate and communicate the activities of these two committees. [NOTE: GEPAC was formerly referred to as the Steering Committee to Oversee, Review, and Assess General Education (SCORAGE)]
8. Work with the vice provost for enrollment management and the director of the First-Year Experience Program to assess the performance and effectiveness of the First-Year Experience program. Reassess if student participation in this program warrants earning two credit hours.
9. Review the University's various student support services, particularly with respect to retention of incoming students.

### NOTE:

- The Undergraduate Studies Council is free to determine the specifics of how to address these charges and other tasks it wishes to engage in during 2006-07. All Senate councils are asked to develop recommendations or memoranda of action (MOAs) as necessary. The USC is requested to keep the Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any MOA which it may develop, and to give ample notice of intent to bring action or reports to the full Faculty Senate.
- At the end of 2006-07, the USC is asked to provide a summary of its progress on the above charges to the Executive Board and suggest charges for the following year.