

**WMU Faculty Senate
Undergraduate Studies Council
Charges for 2010-2011**

Peter Krawutschke will serve as the Senate Executive Board representative on USC this year.

In addition to the specific responsibilities specified in the Undergraduate Studies Council's role statement and the work of the USC standing committees, the Faculty Senate 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. Review the availability of resources and services to foster student retention and develop recommendations for enhancing them if determined necessary. Examples might include but not be limited to the First-Year Experience, mid-term grade reporting, grading scales (i.e. +/-). Focus on expansion of mid-term grading and the Attendance Initiative.
2. Request assessment of general education and baccalaureate-level writing requirement from the Committee to Oversee General Education.
3. Consider and make recommendations in reference to the role of the Committee to Oversee General Education in the "reconceptualization" of general education.
4. Consider recommendation on use of a syllabus template for all courses, based on recommendations of the Committee to Oversee General Education. Consider creation of a joint Memorandum of Action with the Graduate Studies Council.
5. Discuss curriculum implications of the "sustainability initiative" signed by President Dunn.
6. Discuss prior learning assessment, i.e., granting credit for professional experience, in consultation with the newly established Transfer of Credit Committee.

NOTE: It is understood that the USC will seek information from all administrative offices necessary to carry out its charges. The USC is expected to keep the Senate Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any memorandum of action it may develop, and to give advance notice of any action the USC seeks to place on the Senate agenda, including the final text of any proposed MOA, report or resolution. The Executive Board should also be notified of substantive procedural issues addressed by the USC. The USC shall provide a written summary of its progress on the above charges and any other activities undertaken no later than June 30, 2011.