UNDERGRADUATE EXTENDED DEGREE PROGRAMS COUNCIL

Mission Statement
The Undergraduate Extended Degree Programs Council (UEDPC) serves Central Michigan University as the Academic Senate body charged with policy making and oversight for all off campus and online undergraduate degree programs. This council is committed to providing a broad range of undergraduate programs that prepare students for varied roles as responsible citizens and leaders in a democratic and diverse society. The council emphasizes undergraduate programs that maintain a balance between general education and career preparation.

Vision Statement
This council will provide academic leadership in the development and maintenance of undergraduate degree programs that support the university’s vision of national prominence, integrity, academic excellence, and public service.

Definition of an “undergraduate extended degree program” – Any program of study that is offered off CMU’s main campus in Mount Pleasant or is offered online that leads to a Bachelor’s degree.

Core Values
The following represent the UEDPC’s core values for academic programs. The Council values...

- an education that puts the student at the center of the learning process.
- the integration of the Real World into the Educational Environment.
- multiple instructional delivery opportunities that are flexible enough to meet the demands of working adults.
- faculty members with current and relevant expertise in the courses they are teaching.
- an education that serves the public interests and merges theory and practice.
- experiential learning, problem solving, and applied research in a working setting.
- diversity in its faculty, students, and staff.
- programs that meet the needs of populations not easily served by higher education.

Responsibilities of the Undergraduate Extended Degree Programs Council

Curriculum Responsibilities: the council shall...

1. Serve as the faculty advisory and policy recommending body overseeing all undergraduate extended degree programs wherever they originate and are housed on campus;

2. Approve and recommend to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee new curricular proposals and revisions to existing programs that are either:
   a. initiated by the UEDPC itself, or
   b. initiated by Off Campus Programs and are not housed in any on-campus department, or
   c. initiated by Off Campus Programs and are interdisciplinary.
**Program Assessment Responsibilities:** The council shall.

1. Receive and review all Off Campus Programs quality control reports relative to undergraduate extended degree programs, including CMU program review documents.
2. In consultation with the Director of Enrollment, Research, and Assessment (ERA), oversee the academic quality of all undergraduate extended degree programs through a systematic, scheduled review;
3. In consultation with the Director of Enrollment, Research, and Assessment and according to the requirements of the Senate’s Assessment Council, ensure that all program directors or units housing programs develop and implement a student outcomes assessments plan.
4. Oversee the improvement of programs using the results from program assessment.

**Governance Responsibilities:** The council shall...

1. Handle grade grievances referred by the VP of Off-Campus Programs.
2. Ensure that all Board of Visitors’ recommendations regarding undergraduate matters are implemented;
3. Publish the Council’s minutes in the senate, and report annually to the senate on its program quality control and student outcomes assessment oversight;
4. Ensure that undergraduate extended degree programs strictly adhere to the standards and guidelines for the use of new technology for distance learning;
5. Promote greater understanding of Off Campus Programs and its programmatic distinctiveness within the senate and the on-campus community.

In fulfilling these functions, the UEDPC shall be responsible for making academic decisions and setting related polices in consultation with appropriate departments and curriculum bodies. Included are such roles as liaison activities with the university faculty, advisory responsibilities, and the formation of subcommittees and study groups. Actions related to Academic Senate policy should be forwarded to the appropriate committee(s) of the Academic Senate.

**Membership**

Representation on this Council should reflect the broad spectrum of baccalaureate interests on this campus. The 14-person membership shall consist of:

1 member of the UCC (elected by the UCC)
* 1 faculty Senator

The following members shall have experience in Off Campus Programs or come from departments which have Off Campus Programs:

* Business Administration faculty
* Communication and Fine Arts faculty
* Education and Human Services faculty
* Health Professions faculty
* Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences faculty
* Science and Technology faculty
Ex-officio, non-voting members:

2 Provost designees: one for curriculum and instruction and one with community college liaison experience
Vice President and Executive Director, Off Campus Programs
Director of Undergraduate Extended Degree Programs
Director of Enrollment, Research and Assessment
1 member of the Prior Learning Assessment Team (PLAT) selected by the team

(*) These members shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees and elected by the Senate.

NOTES: (1) Terms of the Senator and the UCC member shall end when their respective terms on the home committees end; (2) Members nominated by the Committee on Committees may serve two three-year terms at the discretion of the UEDPC members.