I. The Academic Calendar:

The Academic Affairs Advisory Committee had not proposed, received, or reviewed the academic calendars for 2018-2019, 2019-2020, or 2020-2021 prior to them being presented to the Regents for approval.

In Winter 2017 the AAAC conducted a survey of the campus community including faculty, staff, and students for the purpose of revising the existing UM-Flint Academic Calendar Guidelines, created in 2001 and revised in 2004. Emerging from that process, the AAAC, in collaboration with the Provost, proposed academic calendars for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. The Chancellor’s office did not accept those calendars for presentation to the Regents.

Questions regarding the academic calendars for these three years, the current campus calendar guidelines, and the future of the academic calendar process should be directed to the Provost’s or Chancellor’s offices.

The results of the 2017 calendar survey and the prior campus calendar guidelines are available on the AAAC records webpage hosted by the library. As always, your College’s or School’s elected representative(s) to this committee welcome(s) your input on this and all matters pertaining to academic life.

The Provost has presented to the AAAC a new process for the creation of the calendar going forward. The Registrar will create the calendar which will then be reviewed by various offices in Student Affairs and Academic Affairs (including the Provost and AAAC) before being approved by the cabinet for proposal to the Regents.

II. Major Declaration Policy:

Kristi Hottenstein, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management, has, on two separate occasions, reviewed with the AAAC a new policy placing registration holds on students who have not declared a major by the time they have completed 54 credits. Those students will be required to see an advisor before they will be permitted to register. Vice Chancellor Hottenstein is working with advisors to support these students in deciding upon a major. She and the Provost will announce this new policy in coming days and it will take effect in Winter 2019.

III. Preliminary Degree Audits:

The Registrar has agreed to continue performing preliminary degree audits for students in CAS. The SON and COHS reps express confidence in their own internal degree audit process. The AAAC will continue to discuss the status of SEHS and SOM students.

IV. Student Concerns:

The student government has brought to the AAAC concerns regarding the program knowledge of new professional advisors and transparency regarding new fees being charged for Engineering coursework. The AAAC will engage with the student government and relevant units regarding these issues going forward.

Nota: AAAC Agendas, Minutes, and Reports are available on the Faculty Governance website maintained by the library.