

The Senate of The Michigan College of Mining and Technology

PROPOSAL 2-61

A POLICY TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF ENGLISH USAGE

Every year certain students demonstrate an utter lack of proficiency in the use of written English, by their performance in departments other than the English branch of the Department of Humanities and Social Studies. When the College grants such a student a Bachelor's Degree, it implies to the world that his performance in all fields studied is approved. In certain cases, this may result in serious discredit to the reputation of the College.

Resolved: In order to provide for the maintenance of a suitable standard of written English in the College, all instructors will report to their Department Head and to the students' major Department Head the names of students who are exceptionally poor spellers, who use flagrantly incorrect grammar, or who habitually use English that lacks clearness of expression or logical arrangement of subject matter. When a student has been reported for defective English, he shall be referred to the English branch of the Department of Humanities and Social Studies which shall impose such corrective work, privately or in course, as it considers necessary. Satisfactory completion of this corrective work shall be regarded as part of the requirements for the Bachelor's Degree.

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