Call to order: The fourth meeting of the Academic Standards Committee of the 2014-2015 academic year was called to order by Dr. Schwell at 3:05 PM.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting.
   • Change: Section 4: change “subcommittee” to “working group”
   • Motion (Latour/Schwell) to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting with the above change.
   • Voted all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

2. Update on status in the Senate of various items passed by the committee. (Latour)
   • Changes to admissions requirements for the School of Business. No movement.
   • Election of members of various committees by the Faculty Senate elections committee instead of by Deans has passed, which will require putting names forward for nomination.
   • Committee bylaws. No movement. There is at least one other committee not ready to change their bylaws to reflect to new School names, and the Senate wants to consider all the changes as part of a single omnibus bill.

3. Nominations for officers of the committee
   • Mulrooney → Daniel D’Addio for vice chair
   • Schwell → Latour for Chair
   • Durant self-nominated for Secretary
4. General Studies Degree (Mulrooney)

- RS – What does “any coursework in progress” include
  ◦ JM – This language will require that 60 credits be completed before being able to declare this major. INC’s do not count.
  ◦ PT – Maybe we should move this line to “requirements for admission”
  ◦ Roth – so you could do an associates, then declare this as soon as you arrive at CCSU?
    a. JM – Yes, but this seems unlikely.
    b. PT – we can control via an admissions meeting.

- RS – Who are the “BGS Advisors”?
  ◦ JM – not 100% sure yet. The intention is that they are teaching faculty who volunteer for the position and are very invested in it. I’d prefer that they not be elected as that seems to sometimes attract people padding their resumes.

- MPG – Who handles academic probation? RR – who owns this degree?
  ◦ PT – Release time is needed. We can’t allocate resources, only suggest a structure.
  ◦ PT – Go back to Get Ahead program would have benefitted a lot from this.

- RS – who teaches the cornerstone classes?
  ◦ JM – BGS advisors

- RR – What is the cornerstone course?
  ◦ JM – This is up to the faculty. The plan is for the cornerstone to set learning outcomes and the capstone to be a portfolio showing that they were achieved.
  ◦ RR – Is 3 credits really needed for the cornerstone?
    a. JM – Faculty needs to be rigorous. Most capstones are 3 credits.

- RR – so only 9 credits of 300/400 level courses? Weak.
  ◦ JM – Yes, and this is industry standard.

- JO – How many students do we expect
  ◦ PT there will be an initial surge as we clean out a backlog. There may be 1000 students eligible, though many won’t be interested or have graduated from another school already.

- MPB – Would this have to follow Senate rules?
  ◦ FL – No
  ◦ MM – Report to Deans?
  ◦ MPG – representation could be a problem, but we really want the members to be invested in the degree.

- JM – after this, we write a white paper and send it to the Board of Regents. So nothing about this degree is set in stone yet.

- RR – we should have an open forum on this
  ◦ JM – We’re only approving a preliminary document. This has been discussed at many committees over many years.

- Motion (Mulrooney / Schwell) to approve this concept / framework so that a white paper can be sent to the BOR.
  ◦ Voted majority in favor, Roth and Latour opposed, O’Connor and Hall abstained. Motion passed.

5. Motion (Mulrooney/Moore) for adjournment. Voted all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed. The fourth meeting of the Academic Standards Committee of the 2014-2015 academic year was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Moore, Secretary