Academic Standards Committee
Meeting 2 (2015-2016)
October 20, 2015

**Voting Members Present:** Mary Pat Bigley, Rebecca Boncoddo, Wyatt Bosworth, Drew Collins, Daniel D’Addio (vice-chair), Monique Durant (secretary), Khaled Hammad, Matthew Heinly, Cristina Higham, Fred Latour (chair), Ned Moore, Jim Mulrooney, Rick Roth, Julie Schnobrich-Davis, Ryan Zimmerman

**Non-voting Members Present:** Larry Hall, Patrick Trucker.

1. Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Minutes of the September 15, 2015 were approved.

3. Revisiting of the Final Examination policy from the September 15 meeting:
   
   a. Final Examination Policy (new policy proposal)
      
      i. Fred Latour explained that approval of the Final Examination Policy drafted by this committee in the September 15 meeting was stopped at the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. The problem seems to be that this policy, as written, appears to be an abridgement of academic freedom because it seems to state that the last class period of the semester must be used for a limited number of things.
      
      ii. Rewording of the second paragraph of the Final Examination Policy was revised to state in its entirety:

         Traditional on-ground courses are expected to have an appropriate academic activity scheduled for the final examination week.

      iii. Motion to approve the draft policy as amended. Passed.

4. New Business:
   
   a. Review of the proposed Human Studies Review policy. We are being asked by the President of the Senate if there is anything in this proposal that would affect undergraduates taking courses that have a research component falling within the purview of the policy.
      
      i. After a discussion of this matter, it was decided that the appropriate response to the Senate Steering Committee is:
Review of this policy does not fall within our purview. We don’t see how this could affect undergraduates. Furthermore, it appears, from our investigation, that this policy was developed through the proper channels, with faculty input.

5. Motion to adjourn at 3:38 p.m. Passed.