Call to order: The sixth meeting of the Academic Standards Committee of the 2013-2014 academic year was called to order by Dr. Schwell at 3:05pm.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting. Motion (Roth/Latour) to approve the minutes from the March 2014 meeting with the following change: remove reference in item 1 to changes, as there were no changes to the minutes.
   • Voted all in favor, none opposed, one abstention. Motion passed.
2. Election of officers for 2014-2015 academic year
   • In previous meeting, Schwell nominated for chair, Latour for vice-chair and Moore for Secretary.
   • Latour: Call for additional nominations
     • None
   • Mulrooney/Moore: move to close nominations. Vote all in favor. Motion passed.
   • Move to vote: Schwell / Hammad. Voted all in favor, none opposed. Schwell re-elected Chair, Latour re-elected vice-chair, Moore re-elected secretary.
3. Nursing retention policy proposal (M. Levvis)
   • The modified policy removes several loopholes present in the old policy.
   • It will apply to students accepted into the nursing program this spring. These students will begin taking nursing classes in the fall.
• (Schwell / Latour) Move to add text to the end of the proposal to reflect the date of implementation: “Effective for nursing students admitted into the nursing program for fall 2014 or later.” Voted all in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passed.**

4. Continuation of discussion of feedback from departments on suggestions from faculty regarding the President’s recruitment and retention plan (R. Schwell, original suggestions from P. Tucker)
   • Tucker: Deans met and agreed that only the University should use the terms “probation” or “dismissed”. Departments should use “probation” and “removed”.
   • Tucker: In new catalog University policies on probation and dismissal will be consolidated.
   • Point 3) INC
     • Tucker: Many students who take an INC end up failing because there is just too much work left to finish. They then miss out on chances to receive support, and Dean’s list calculations are also affected. Do we want a formal INC contract that spells out student responsibilities to try to reduce the number of students who just prolong the agony of failing? When an INC is appropriate, and when is it not?
     • Schwell: Let’s get feedback from department Chairs on this. I’ll send request to Deans’ reps who will forward it on to the Chairs. The Chairs will send replies back through the Deans’ reps.
   • Point 4) Pass / Fail
     • Current rule: must have at least 34 credits completed and must be selected during the first 3 weeks of the semester. Maximum 4 courses may be taken P/F.
     • Latour: perhaps the 34 credit limit is there so that students will only do this once they have selected their major and have an idea about whether the class in question is required for their major. If it’s required for their major, P/F won’t count.
     • Roth: what if students want to get a grade later in the semester?
       ◦ Cannot be undone
     • Moore: will opening up P/F actually help retention and graduation?
     • Does double counting of international credits count towards four class limit?
       ◦ No
     • Mulrooney: How many P/F grades are given each semester under current rules?
       ◦ Tucker: I will find out.
     • Roth: The current system seems like all risk and no reward. An F counts as an F, and a P counts for nothing. An alternative I’ve seen at other schools is P/no credit.
     • Schwell: perhaps this change would help graduation /retention rate:
       ◦ Remove 34 credit limit
       ◦ Move three week limit to twelve week to coincide with final withdrawal date.
       ◦ Keep four class limit, and add a limit that no more than two can count for general education requirements.
   • Point 5) Fresh Start
     • There is no concrete proposal for a change.
     • Upon reading the existing rules, the committee could not find any way to improve upon it.
       ◦ Two years is a really long time for a twenty year old.

5. Revisiting of Fall Commencement Resolution (response to Grad Studies’ concerns, if any)
   • Graduate Studies is concerned that the graduate commencement will get combined with an undergraduate ceremony.
   • (Mulrooney / Constanza): Motion to Add “undergraduate” to original proposal to emphasize that the Fall commencement that we propose is strictly for undergraduate students.
• All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes

6. Motion (Schwell/Moore) for adjournment. Voted all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed. The sixth meeting of the Academic Standards Committee of the 2013-2014 academic year was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Moore, Secretary