CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1996


Chair Wonsick Lee called the first meeting of the 1996-1997 academic year to order at 3:40 p.m. The minutes of the May 7, 1996, meeting were approved (Bacon/Picerno).

The purpose of today’s meeting was to discuss possible agenda items for the 1996-1997 year. Additional agenda items will be added as needed.

Dean Baiera proposed that the Committee review the repeat policy completely. Of particular concern is the effect of the repeat policy on transcripts. For example, is there an adverse effect on the value of CCSU’s transcripts as a result of our repeat policy? Another concern is a lack of consistency in repeats allowed for special topics courses. For example, inconsistency by departments in disclosure of special topic (subtopic) names for courses with the same course number has created a problem in implementing the repeat policy. If a department does not specify the subtopic, there is no way to monitor that the subtopic “repeated” is the same subtopic originally taken. The result is that students may be “repeating” a subtopic not previously taken. If the department specifies the subtopic name, then in these cases a student is typically allowed to repeat only the subtopic previously listed on his/her transcript.

Dr. Baiera proposed that the Committee consider allowing the major department to specify requirements for returning students. A problem arises when a returning student has been separated from the University for a very long time. Presently, any student entering the University is bound by the requirements of the catalog in existence (entering catalog) when he/she entered. If a student leaves the University and returns, the entering catalog is used for that student, no matter how old the catalog may be. If graduating requirements for the major have changed over the student’s hiatus from the University, should the Department be able to require additional courses?

Dr. Bacon proposed that the Committee review the withdrawal policy, especially the last-minute drop policy. The repeat policy affects probation which may impact withdrawal.

Dr. Lee introduced as an agenda item the unfinished business from 1995-1996 regarding requirements for honors designation for graduating transfer students.

The next meeting will be held on October 8, 1996, at 3:30 at the Marcus White Living Room. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Walo, Secretary