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Academic Standards Committee

November 4, 1997
Marcus White Living Room, 3:30 PM


1. Minutes of the October 7, 1997 were approved by the committee.

2. The committee decided that the duties of committee secretary would be performed by all committee members on a rotating basis.

3. The committee discussed issues which would be placed on the agenda for the academic year. These were:

   a.) Enforcement of Course Prerequisites

       Discussion of this issue continued from the previous meeting. The Chair will request that Bill Singleton visit the committee to address questions re. the capabilities of the new Banner Registration System to enforce university course prerequisites.

   b.) Reduction of the course load taught by faculty to something less than a 4 x 4.

       Loftus Jestin proposed that the course load of faculty be reduced in order to enhance the quality of teaching which would include a writing component.

       The committee will attempt to determine how to proceed with this issue.

   c.) Credibility of the institution (CCSU)

       Ross Baiera expressed a concern that institutional policies related to repeat courses, transfer courses which received a grade of D and other liberal policies which gave the appearance that low academic standards. He felt that these types of policies reflected on students' academic transcripts were hurting the credibility of the institution. Ross suggested that the committee address these concerns.

   d.) "Ineligible to Attend" notation on the course rosters.

       Sharon Braverman indicated that some confusion existed among students and faculty when course rosters indicated that a student was ineligible to attend. In some cases students stopped attending classes without realizing that the problem was related to the Bursar’s Office and paying their bill. It was suggested that action be taken which would reduce the possibility of this confusion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Submitted by:
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