Academic Standards Committee Meeting
Informal Minutes from December 4, 2001


This meeting of the Academic Standards Committee was an informal discussion concerning a variety of topics raised at the previous meeting. No quorum existed at this meeting and thus no official business was conducted.

--Minutes from November 6, 2001 were not approved.

THREE TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED TODAY:

A. ADMISSIONS

Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Dick McCallum, and the Director of Admissions, Myrna Garcia-Bowen, addressed the committee regarding current admission policies, the University’s considerations concerning modifying admissions policies, and the University’s plan to attract the top percentages of local high school classes. Dick McCallum discussed President Judd’s creation of the Strategic Enrollment Management Team, which is designed to help coordinate enrollment goals and admissions policies. Dick invited members of the Academic Affairs Committee to join the SEMT committee and give input on the University’s plans. The SEMT’s ultimate goal is to achieve by 2005 a Tier II status for CCSU in the U.S. News and World Report ranking of colleges and universities.

Myrna Garcia-Bowen explained the University’s current Breakfast and Mentoring Program for top students from high school classes. Potential students and their families are invited to the University, treated to breakfast, and given information about CCSU. These programs have proven extremely successful in changing what potential students and families thought they knew about CCSU. The Mentoring Program pairs a new student with a faculty member who acts as a liaison to help the student through the transition into the CCSU community.

B. THE REPEAT POLICY

The question was raised of how many times a student should be allowed to repeat a course. -- There was also a question of whether, after a student has repeated the same course several times, the repeat grades should be incorporated into the GPA.

Meg Leake was adamant that the repeat policy is an important component of a student’s education. She believes that if students are willing to take a course over and over again in order to really learn the information, they should have that opportunity. -- She had no problem with incorporating multiple repeat grade into a student’s GPA.

C. WITHDRAWAL POLICY
There was some discussion regarding why students are not allowed to withdraw from a course even if they drop below full-time status. Students could potentially be given a "W" on their transcript, and thus maintain the withdrawn class on paper, for enrollment purposes. There was a good degree of confusion regarding this matter.

Rick Roth and Susan Petrosino are investigating this matter and will report back to the committee.

The Meeting ended at approximately 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Warshauer