Academic Standards Committee Meeting
Minutes from November 6, 2001


--Minutes from October 2, 2001 approved

TWO AREAS DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL TODAY:

A. ADMISSIONS

--B. Westcott reports on admissions standards and raises the question: Do we want to be better as a university or accept who we are? To attain Tier III or Tier II ranking in U.S. News rankings requires more selective admissions. Westcott offers 3 proposals:

1) Set admissions criteria as "absolute"-- if student does not meet standards, student not admitted

2) Flexible-Rigid Policy-- Top ___% of a public high school class guaranteed a spot at CCSU

3) No admissions standards as long as student completes minimum # courses in high school

--C. Watson proposes "dual admissions standards"-- one standard that will be higher and will guarantee "carrots" to students who commit early, such as on-campus housing; and then a second standard that is less rigorous.

--No admission deadlines in place at CCSU-- deadlines may send message that "we have standards"

--Committee acknowledges it has limited knowledge of admissions criteria/overall process

B. REPEAT POLICY

--C. Jones passes out figures of repeated courses in Spring 2001

--Unclear as to whether it has improved retention or affected graduation figures

--Unclear as to the source of all the "Fe"-- "real" failures or students who simply did not drop or withdraw from the course and received the F.
--M.P. Hager raises desire to discuss differential admissions standards to certain majors/programs-- should this be acceptable policy at CCSU?

-- Decision to invite Meg Leake to discuss these issues

--Repeat Policy and Admission Policies will be reviewed again when more information becomes available (e.g., How many courses are students repeating? How many students are above desired admission criteria? Below?)

--B. Westcott will send Sommers a list of questions to be addressed at next meeting

--Election for Vice Chair will be at next meeting

--Motion to adjourn overwhelming approved!