Minutes 1/28/03

Members Present:

Deans: Rick Roth, Sharon Braverman, Nancy Hoffman (for Susan Biederman)
Student Affairs: Jane Higgins
Registrar: Susan Petrosino
Admissions: Myrna Garcia-Bowen
Arts and Sciences Faculty: Gloria Maria Caliendo, Stephen Cox, Robert Dunne, Susan Gilmore,
Mary Anne Nunn,
Matt Warshauer
School of Business Faculty: Kathy Czyrnik
Education and Professional Studies Faculty: Mary Pat Hager
Technology Faculty: Peter Baumann

Members Absent:

Zdzislaw Kremens, Dean, Technology
Barry Westcott, Chemistry; Gene Baten, Management; Carol Williams, Nursing

The meeting was called to order at 2:35.

The minutes for the meeting of 12/10/02 were not, in fact, presented for approval… (The committee secretary has been cast into outer darkness.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Matt Warshauer, Chair, announced that at the committee’s next meeting it will be necessary to form a Nominating Committee to identify candidates for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Members serve two-year terms, and officers serve one-year terms, although an officer can serve consecutive terms. Matt, however, will be on sabbatical in the Fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports. The one active sub-committee addressing the issue of the number of courses for which a student is allowed to enroll will be able to get the information they need from the Registrar on February 10.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) There was a lengthy discussion to clarify the designation of “good academic standing.” Valerie Marshall from Financial Aid was kind enough to attend the meeting to explain the role such a status plays in the granting of financial aid. For the purposes of receiving financial aid a student need only have satisfactory academic progress (that is, 24 hours completed in the first year, or, in some cases, 48 hours completed by the second year). The student’s GPA is not a factor in determining whether or not that student will receive financial aid. Therefore, any adjustments in the practice of determining “good academic standing” will have no repercussions on a student’s ability to receive financial aid.

After a good deal of discussion it was agreed that students on Academic Warning should not be considered in “good academic standing.” In order to clarify this issue, it was
MOVED: to add the following language in the new undergraduate catalog under “Academic Warning”: 
“Any student whose GPA falls below 2.0 will not be considered in good academic standing.” Nancy Hoffman/Mary Anne Nunn, In Favor: All

2) Matt raised again the issue of instituting an honor pledge at CCSU. He reported research that indicates that schools with such an honor pledge have a lower incidence of academic dishonesty. He proposes that at Convocation, along with the civility pledge, the students take an honor pledge and sign an honor roll. As this matter was addressed out of order at the end of the meeting and there was no longer a quorum of members present, it was agreed to table it until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1) The committee had received a description of the prerequisites to apply for the professional program in Education for History and Social Science.

MOVED: To approve these prerequisites: Mary Anne Nunn/Bob Dunne

After some discussion, it was determined that before the committee addresses these prerequisites they should be submitted to the School of Education and Professional Studies Governance Counsel. The motion on the floor was tabled.

At 3:42 it was MOVED: to adjourn: Susan Gilmore/Kathy Czyrnik. In Favor: All.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Nunn