Minutes 3/18/03

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Dean, School of Technology
Gloria Maria Caliendo, Modern Languages

The meeting was called to order at 2:35.

MOVED: To approve the minutes for the meeting of 2/25/03 with the correction that Barry Westcott was present at that meeting.

Barry Westcott/Peter Baumann. In Favor: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Matt Warshauer, President, reported that the two agenda items from the Academic Standards Committee before the Faculty Senate (pre-requisites for History BS program and Leave of Absence Policy) were tabled, as a question had arisen about the LOA policy. Because the proposed policy uses language suggesting that a fee would be waived for students under certain circumstances, Pres. Judd noted that the Faculty Senate does not have the authority to make such financial decisions. Matt will speak to Pres. Judd and clarify the language of the proposed policy so that it does not directly address financial matters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The sub-committee addressing the number of hours for which a student may enroll has been rendered obsolete by the financial policy issued by the BOT, whereby any student registering for more than 18 credits will pay a non-refundable fee for each credit above 18. Susan Petrosino noted that this policy is still evolving, with the present suggestion pending that any student who successfully finishes more than 18 credits in a semester will have the fee refunded. In any event, the sub-committee, had already decided that they required more than a single semester’s data to draw any meaningful conclusions about this practice among Central’s students. [It was noted that in the previous meeting it had been moved to censure the President of the committee for treating the Registrar with disrespect. After several ad hoc e-exchanges among members, it was proposed that at the present meeting he be summarily tossed in a blanket. In the interest of collegiality, however, this penalty was waived. The blanket, however, shall be present at all future meetings…]

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Matt handed out a proposed draft for an Honor Pledge, to be taken (and signed) by students at Convocation. There was some discussion about the percentage of the target population that would be
reached, but it was generally agreed that, since the pledge is non-binding and largely a community-building tool, it was not necessary to ensure that all entering students signed it. The pledge as proposed reads as follows: “I pledge on my honor as a student at Central Connecticut State University that I shall devote myself to the pursuit of academic integrity. ‘Honor is a priceless possession.’”

MOVED: To accept the honor pledge as it was presented in the draft.

Bob Dunne/ Mary Pat Hager.

Barry Westcott proposed a friendly amendment that the final sentence (an unattributed quote) be omitted. This friendly amendment was denied.

9 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstain. Motion carried.

MOVED: To omit the final sentence of the pledge as it was presented in draft.

Barry Westcott/Steve Cox. 6 in favor, 5 opposed, 3 abstain. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1) It was proposed to address the process of applying for the BS Ed. in Physical Education, but as this provision had not yet been reviewed by SEPS, it was tabled.

2) The draft of the Comparable Course Substitution Policy was discussed and emended as follows:

A student may be granted permission to use the repeat policy to replace a grade in a course with a grade in a comparable course, but this can only be done with the approval of the Chair of the department in which the courses are offered and the Dean of the school offering the courses. This provision covers only courses taken at Central and will only be considered if the courses involved are deemed genuinely comparable by both the department Chair and the Dean.

MOVED: Barry Westcott/Sharon Braverman, In Favor: All

3) A question had arisen as to whether students found to be in violation of the University Academic Misconduct Policy should be allowed to drop the course prior to the eight week cut off and thereby erase a punitive “F” if the professor assigned that penalty for the infraction. After some discussion it was agreed that students should not be allowed to escape the consequences of their misconduct in this way. A subcommittee to draft a policy was created: Bob Dunne, Susan Petrosino, and Matt Warshauer.

For the next meeting Steve Cox proposed that the committee revisit the academic dismissal policy. He distributed the record of a student who had been given multiple, unapproved opportunities to repeat courses yet who had not been dismissed despite a dismal GPA. It was agreed to address this issue at the next meeting.

At 3:30 it was MOVED: to adjourn: Barry Westcott/Susan Gilmore. In Favor: All.
Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Nunn