Academic Standards Committee Minutes 11/4/03

Members Present:

Deans: Rick Roth, Sharon Braverman

Admissions: Myrna Garcia-Brown

Arts and Sciences Faculty: Chris Doyle, Robert Dunne, Susan Gilmore, Sally Lesik, Charles Waiveris

School of Business Faculty: Gene Baten, Kathy Czynik

Education and Professional Studies Faculty: Mary Pat Hager

Technology Faculty: Paul Resetarits

Members Absent:

Deans, School of Technology and Education & Professional Studies; Jane Higgins, Student Affairs; Susan Petrosino, Registrar; Peter Osei, Biology; Barry Westcott, Chemistry; Carol Williams, Nursing

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

MOVED: To approve the minutes for the meeting of 10/7/03.

Bob Dunne/Rick Roth. In Favor: All.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The question of Pass/Fail exclusions will be tabled until we can get more input from the registrar.
2. Sharon Braverman re-introduced a discussion about the possibility of reducing the length of the Drop/Add period. After some discussion, it appeared that there is some doubt as to whether this is actually under the purview of the Academic Standards Committee. Sharon and Rick Roth will talk about this, and Susan Gilmore will discuss the matter with Susan Petrosino, before our next meeting.

3. Bob Dunne brought two proposals regarding Academic Conduct and Withdrawal Policy to the meeting for discussion. He moved acceptance of the second version: “Students who withdraw from a course before the eight-week deadline and are subsequently found guilty of academic misconduct in that course may have their grade of W changed by the instructor.”

The purpose of the measure is to prevent students who have committed academic misconduct from avoiding the consequences of their actions by dropping the course in question. Passing this measure would enable a faculty member to assign an “F” in the course if misconduct is proven, as provided for in the Academic Misconduct code. At present, the student’s withdrawal means that the faculty member has no such prerogative. A point was raised that the faculty member may still pursue the misconduct with the Judicial Officer and that the university would have a record of the misconduct, and that it may be inappropriate to allow a faculty member to assign a grade to a student who has withdrawn from a course. After some discussion, the phrase “before the eight-week deadline” was
removed from the proposal and a vote was taken. The measure passed on a 5-4 vote. Measure as passed: Students who withdraw from a course and are subsequently found guilty of academic misconduct in that course may have their grade of W changed by the instructor.

New Business:

1. Professional Program requirements for BSED in Physical Education – PE is raising the required GPA for admission to the professional program to a 3.0. Mary Pat Hager moved that the measure be returned to the department for clarification as to when the new requirements would go into effect. Second: Paul. Approved: All.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 by general agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Doyle and Sharon Braverman