Academic Standards Committee Minutes 3/2/04

Members Present:

Deans: Rick Roth, Sharon Braverman, Anne Pautz, Olusegun Odesina

Student Affairs: Jane Higgins

Admissions: Myrna Garcia-Bowen

Arts and Sciences Faculty: Chris Doyle, Robert Dunne, Susan Gilmore, Peter Osei, David Smith, Charles Waiveris

School of Business Faculty: Kathy Czyrnik

Education and Professional Studies Faculty: Mary Pat Hager, Carol Williams

Technology Faculty: Paul Resetarits

Student Representative: Timothy Goetz

Members Absent:

Susan Petrosino, Registrar; Gene Baten, Management

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**MOVED:** To approve the minutes for the meeting of February 3, 2004.

    David Smith/Paul Resetarits  In Favor: All.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Susan Gilmore reported on the Faculty Senate’s rejection of the proposal passed last month to limit students to 17 credit hours unless additional hours would be approved by the Dean of the student’s school. Faculty Senate members seemed to be worried that this could be used to charge students more in fees. Discussion ensued about whether or not we should revisit this issue. While it seems that we might be able to get more support by having Susan Petrosino track the changes in credit hours more closely in order to see how much of a problem there really is, Mary Pat Hager suggested that this might be better handled in the Registrar’s letters to students – tell them that they’re depriving other students of classes by registering for too many hours. Another suggestion was that advisors might be helpful in discouraging students from “shopping.” Student Rep. Timothy Goetz suggested that it might also be addressed in a manual for students that SGA is preparing. The matter is tabled for now.

2. On the matter of Dean’s list eligibility for students taking Pass/Fail courses, it turned out that the catalogue language, which refers to courses a student “carried” in a semester, is rather ambiguous, and that the description of how GPA’s are figured does not, in fact, preclude the inclusion of P/F hours in order to determine that a student has enough credit hours to be considered. It appears that the Registrar’s office has simply had a policy of doing it that way. This matter is tabled until we can get clarification from the Registrar. We will try to revisit it at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We need to begin to entertain nominations for officers for the Academic Standards Committee for 2004-2005. Mary Pat Hager and Peter Osei volunteered to serve as a
nominations committee. Susan will urge that all entities with members on this committee elect next year’s reps as soon as possible. The committee would like the new members to be able to attend the last meeting for this year if possible.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 3:27: Charley Waiveris/Peter Osei. Approved: All.

NEXT MEETING: April 13, 2004