Academic Standards

Minutes 11/2/04

Members Present:

Deans: Rick Roth, Colin Read, Sharon Braverman, Anne Pautz

Student Affairs: Jane Higgins

Registrar: Susan Petrosino

Admissions: Myrna Garcia-Bowen

Arts and Sciences Faculty: Chris Doyle, Susan Gilmore, Mary Ann Mahoney, David Smith, Charles Waiveris, Matt Warshauer

School of Business Faculty: Gene Baten, Kathy Czyrnik

Technology Faculty: Paul Resetarits

Education and Professional Studies Faculty: Mary Pat Hager

Guest: Stephen Cox

Members Absent:

Dean, School of Technology, Peter Osei, Kim Tower

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

MOVED: To approve the minutes for the meeting of 9/7/04
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The discussion of Writing Intensive courses will be taken up at the December meeting. English department representatives brought a list of considerations for writing intensive courses to the meeting, which was distributed to members who wanted to look at it. A copy will be sent to all members before the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The committee revisited the issue of limiting the number of credits for which students may enroll without the appropriate Dean’s permission to 17. Susan Petrosino brought statistics on how many students register for 18 or more and how many of them were still enrolled in that many hours, month by month, to the meeting. Susan did not think that the numbers of students who dropped courses was significant as most dropped nearly immediately, by the end of June for Fall courses. Thus this would not impede students trying to get courses during the drop-add period at the beginning of the Fall semester.

Rick Roth noted, however, that this timing does impede freshman pre-registration, which takes place beginning in June.

Another difficulty with this issue is that capping registration at 17 credits might result in an additional fee being assessed students who enroll for 18 or more credits, even though that is not the intention of the committee. This was one of the concerns when a proposal like this one was previously brought to the Faculty Senate and rejected, even though that is not the intent of the current proposal. Although AC could
indicate that we do not think an additional fee would be appropriate, we would in fact have no power to enforce that recommendation.

Matt proposed that we table the discussion for now, and that he, Susan Petrosino, Rick Roth, and Sharon Braverman (and anyone else who is interested) form an ad hoc subcommittee to review the issue and to produce a more focused proposal to be presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Stephen Cox presented a proposal to re-structure the Criminology undergraduate major. The proposal would create a “gateway” course, CRM 301 in which pre-Crim students would have to achieve a grade of B or better in order to be considered Criminology majors. The proposal was comprehensive and well thought out, taking transfer students into account and providing for a Criminology minor for students who take the courses leading up to CRM 301 but do not achieve entrance into the program.

The committee enthusiastically responded to the proposal but suggested modifications for the last part of the proposal, “Steps to Gain Admission into the Criminology Major,” in terms of (1) more specifically stating that those who were not accepted into the major could still complete the minor and (2) adding language that would make it clear that students who received less than a B in CRM 301 could still petition to be accepted into the major, leaving the department with the discretion to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Mary Pat Hager moved to accept the proposal; Kathy Czyrnik seconded. It passed unanimously.

2. Matt announced that the proposal to accept Consortium
courses had been passed by the Faculty Senate. There seems to need to be a clarification that students must be full-time at their home university before taking consortium courses; that is, such a course cannot be counted in order to make the student full-time for a given semester.

Move to adjourn: Charles Waiveris/Susan Gilmore. Approved: all.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting: December 7, 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Doyle