Academic Standards Committee
Minutes 5/10/05

Members Present:
Deans:  Rick Roth, Sharon Braverman
Registrar:  Susan Petrosino
Admissions:  Pat Gardner
Arts and Sciences Faculty:  Chris Doyle, Mary Ann Mahony, Charles Waiveris, Matt Warshauer
Business Faculty:  Kathy Czynik
Education and Professional Studies Faculty:  Mary Pat Hager, Kim Tower
Technology Faculty:  Paul Resetarits

Members Absent:
Deans:  School of Technology, School of Education and Professional Studies
Student Affairs:  Jane Higgins
Arts and Sciences Faculty:  Susan Gilmore, Peter Osei, David Smith

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

MOVED:  To approve the minutes for the meeting of
4/12/05.

Roth/Waiveris  In favor: All.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The following Arts and Sciences faculty were recently elected/re-elected to the Academic Standards Committee and will begin two-year terms in the fall:

Eleanor Godway (Phil)

Peter Osei (Bio)

Charles Waiveris (Math)

Barry Westcott (Chem)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A request by the Physical Education Department to establish the following policies:

   (a) All Athletic Training courses that require admission to the Professional Program in Athletic Training require a C or better.

   (b) All Exercise Science courses that require admission to the Professional Program in Exercise Sciences.

Moved to accept: Doyle/Resetarits. Discussion focused on clarification of wording, including articulating the policies as two separate statements as recorded above. Once the wording was amended as above, the request passed unanimously.
2. A proposal from Rick Roth to amend the letter sent out to students whose GPA’s are below the minimum standard required for good academic standing that they have been dismissed from the university:

The current letter begins by stating that the student is “subject to academic dismissal.” Although the letter clearly states that the student’s dismissal will go into effect unless the student appeals it, the Dr. Roth feels that the phrase “subject to” does not convey to students the proper sense of urgency at the outset, and that they may not read the rest of the letter (concerning the procedure for appeal) carefully enough. He suggested that the wording be changed to indicate to the student, “you have been academically dismissed.”

Moved to accept: Czyrnik/Doyle

Discussion: Registrar Susan Petrosino concurred with the wording change and indicated that it would cause no difficulties as far as the Registrar’s records, Banner, Pipeline, etc., are concerned. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

This is the last meeting of the 2004-2005 academic year. Matt Warshauer has been re-elected as chair for 2005-6; Susan Gilmore was elected as Vice-Chair. The first order of business in the fall should be to name a Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Doyle