Academic Standards Committee

Meeting Agenda
February 13, 2008
4 p.m. 1130 Ullsvik Hall

Invitees: Elizabeth Frieders, Philip Sealy, Ray Spoto, Nancy Turner, Irfan Ul-Haq, Mary Rose Williams, Kevin Haertzen, Frank Steck, David VanBuren, Shane Drefcinski

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
4. Old Business

   A. Review our committee’s purpose and duties as they appear in the by-laws and discuss how we should approach our charge. In particular, how we fulfill #1, “Review the admissions standards, observe trends and report to the Faculty Senate on curriculum and program analysis with respect to the mission of the University and with respect to attrition,” is unclear. Some members would like to come to a better understanding of our responsibilities.

   B. We are scheduled to review gen eds. in Fine Arts and Foreign Languages this academic year. While we’ve agreed that we should ask representatives from those areas to visit with us in March and/or April, we need to discuss what, specifically, we want them to bring to the meeting to share with us.

   C. Another issue of concern that was raised involves the method of assessment of areas that have classes from many disciplines that fulfill a gen ed. For instance, how do we assess Fine Arts gen eds. when classes in Art, Theatre, Women’s Studies, Ethnic Studies and Music are included in the group?

5. Agenda for next meeting
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment