Academic Standards Committee  
**Minutes** of meeting held Wednesday 25 February 2004  
4-4:45 pm, 261 Gardner Hall  

**Present:** (Members) Rosalyn Broussard, Christina Currais, Beth Frieders, Julie McDonald, Machelle Schroeder, Kathleen Tigerman, Tim Zauche  
**Absent:** Brian Peckham, Steve Kleisath  
(Ex Officio) Angela Udelhofen, David VanBuren  

1. Approval of Minutes of 11 Feb 2004 meeting  **OK as distributed**  

2. Agenda – additions, changes, approval  **add report from Tim**  

3. Old Business  
   a. report on meeting with UUCC – Beth  

   Beth handed out copies of memos from UUCC. In general, at this time UUCC has no responses to many of our questions/concerns raised in the ASC report submitted to UUCC last April. UUCC will “continue to discuss” the issues we raised.  

   There was discussion among the ASC members as to whether it is appropriate or necessary to continue the current ASC review process. “Pros” mentioned included keeping the momentum going and gathering useful information as ASC completes one full cycle of submission, review, feedback, and possible re-submission. “Cons” mentioned included the low response rate (even in this second year), the lack of accountability for not submitting portfolios, and the question of continuing the process even when the campus community has agreed that the standards will be re-written. Beth will take these issues back to UUCC. It was suggested that ASC should submit its report to UUCC in September rather than April so that the full academic year’s work can be reported.  

   It was noted at UUCC that currently we assess whether or not the standards are being taught, but in the future we will also need to assess whether students are learning what is being taught. UUCC is working with departments and programs across the campus to develop outcome-based assessment standards. UUCC was going to form sub-committees to draft new standards for each requirement but decided to delay action until after the Academic Planning Council submits their report next year. The target deadline for completing the re-write of the standards is probably December 2004 for inclusion in the 2005-2007 catalog.  

   UUCC is addressing the splitting of the Ethnic and Gender Studies requirement, but has not addressed our concerns regarding the critical thinking and information literacy requirements.
b. Department/program liaisons – updates?

  Kathleen met with the Women’s Studies program, Tim met with the Biology Department, and Julie attempted to contact the Speech program.

4. New Business

  a. Subcommittees review new portfolios
     Christina handed out packets of new portfolios. Subcommittees need to set meeting times.

  b. Other? Memo from Abdol Soofi - Tim

     Tim shared a memo that he received from Abdol. Abdol ran a logistics regression model using high school class rank and ACT composite score as predictors of success, where “success” means retention and “failure” means dismissal. Unfortunately, he included all students for only one academic year rather than segregating students by admission year and admission category. Tim will contact Abdol about running new data.

Next meeting: March 10, 2004.