Academic Standards Committee

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 8 December 2004
4:02-5:04 pm, Mining Room, PSC

Present: (Members) Christina Curras, Beth Frieders, Brian Peckham, Tim Zauche, Scott White, Steve Kleisath, Dave Kruger, (ex Officio) Shane Drefcinski, and David VanBuren

Absent: David Kraemer, (Ex Officio) Angela Udelhofen

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes of 10 Nov 04 meeting So Moved with corrections
2. Agenda – additions, changes, approval So Moved
3. New Business
   a. Meeting times next semester –
      Jan 26th, Feb 9th, Feb 23rd, March 9th, (March 30th), April 13th, April 27th
      i. These dates are tentative on a need to meet basis. Plan on Jan
         26th though.
   b. Revise assessment plan
      i. This item was delayed until a better determination of goals and
         who/which committee would oversee this.
   c. Review of Liberal Arts standards/goals:
      Liberal Arts Requirements:
      These courses are designed to challenge students to high academic
      achievement and must be designed to include:
      • a significant writing component
      • a challenge to critical thinking
      • the gathering and analysis of information
      • a consideration of ethnic, gender, and international issues when
        germane to the course content, and
      • a variety of ways of evaluating student learning so that such
        evaluation does not rely alone on objective tests.
      Furthermore, these courses must:
      • achieve the purposes and meet the standards identified below that
        are specific to each liberal arts area.
      i. After much discussion it was determined that no official action be
         taken at this time as we are waiting to see what UUCC is thinking.
4. Old Business
   a. Student admission status
      i. Freshman 2005 status is on target at this time. With greater
         than 90% being of standard admits.
   b. Subcommittee updates on program goals revisions:
      i. The secretary left before this discussion, but it was relayed that
         all subcommittees are making wonderful progress.