Minutes of the Academic Standards Committee
Wednesday 26 January 2005
4:04-4:55 pm, Mining Room, PSC

Present:  (Members) Christina Curra, Beth Frieders, Brian Peckham, Tim Zauche, Scott White, Steve Kleisath, Rosalyn Broussard, David Kraemer, and David Krugler.
(Ex Officio) David VanBuren, Angela Udelhofen, Shane Drefcinski

Absent: None!!!

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes of 8 Dec 04 meeting
   Motion, Seconded, and Passed

2. Agenda – additions, changes, approval
   Approved with changes

3. Old Business
   a. Admissions (Angela Udelhofen)
      2600 Applicants, 2100 Admits, 892 deposits (goal of 1175)
      331 TSI Applicants, 173 Deposits, 2/3 from Ill, 1/3 from Iowa

   b. Discussion of Liberal Arts standards/goals revision proposal response
      UUCC does not want to drop bulleted standards
      UUCC suggested the following change to “significant writing”
      -- use of writing to learn the content of the course.

   c. Review of General Education standards revisions:
      Competency areas
      | Liberal Arts |
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      | English      | Ethnic Studies|
      | Foreign Language | Gender Studies|
      | Mathematics  | Fine Arts    |
      | Speech       | Historical Perspective |
      | Wellness & Physical Education | International Education |
      |              | Natural Sciences |
      |              | Social Sciences |

      -- There was some concern raised about the Gender and International Goals and that they need to try to develop more outcome based goals. Drefcinski will contact the subcommittee.
      -- All other committees are progressing as needed.
      -- There was also some discussion if every program that teaches these courses needs to formally approve the changes. It was decided that we have done our best to get input from every program. There was no input from programs when the last round of goals (~10 years ago) was developed. Thus it was decided that a formal approval from every program was not needed.

   d. Revise assessment plan
      -- tabled for now. We will need to meet with other committees on campus later to determine who would now review the general education standards, as we do not want to duplicate other committee activities.

4. New Business
   None at this time. We will be notified if the Feb 9th meeting is needed.