Academic Standards Committee  
Minutes October, 24 2007  
Mining Room, PSC  

Members Present: Philip Sealy, Irfan Ul-Haq, Mary Rose Williams, Kevin Haertzen, Shane Drefcinski, David Van Buren  

Meeting was called to order by Mary Rose Williams at 4:00 PM.  

Minutes from October 10 meeting were not available for approval.  

Shane Drefcinski spoke on the assessment of general education and Higher Learning Commission comments. Two handouts were distributed:  
   Spring 2007 Survey Comments of outgoing UWP Seniors  

Concern was raised that students live in a culture where they do not think what we're teaching them is relevant or important. Discussion of grades and concern about lack of feedback from graders was mentioned. Concerns about students' use of time were addressed. They don't really commit the time to studies. How can we change the attitude of students so they're willing to spend time? Students' expectations of workload is low and if they can get by the first term with this expectation, they get into the habit.  

Next meeting, we'll discuss these and other concerns further. Members should consider ideas and suggestions for how the general education program may be improved.  

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.