Academic Standards Committee

Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2008
4 p.m. 1320 Ullsvik Hall

Attending: Elizabeth Frieders, Philip Sealy, Nancy Turner, Irfan Ul-Haq, Mary Rose Williams, Kevin Haertzen, David Krugler, Roxanne Gunser, David VanBuren, Shane Drefcinski

Absent: Angela Udelhofen; Ray Spoto

Guest: Frank Steck

Call to order: Williams called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Minutes from May 7, 2008 were approved.

New Business:

1. **Election of officers for 2008-09.** Williams declined to chair this year. Ul-Haq agreed to take over the position. Williams volunteered to be recording secretary. No objections.

2. **Project Lead The Way.** VanBuren reviewed our discussion of PLTW from last term, updated us on what had happened during the summer, and indicated what was needed from us. Frank Steck gave us background information about PLTW, explained why it is a credible program, and why accepting Principles of Engineering and/or Biotechnical Engineering as counting for 1 science unit toward admission to UW-P would be wise. Discussion ensued. Rigor, number of other science classes students take in high school, when and by whom the PLTW classes are taught, and the number of schools participating in PLTW were discussed.

   Sealy moved that we accept completion of one or both PLTW units—Principles of Engineering and Biotechnical Engineering—as counting for no more than 1 science unit. VanBuren seconded. With no further discussion, vote was taken. With one member opposing, the motion carried.

   VanBuren will report our decision to System.

3. **Gen-Ed Revision Update:** There will be a meeting of the committee that is reassessing the Gen Ed program on Friday, September 12 at 3 p.m. in 2007 Ullsvik. Drefcinski will give us an update at our next meeting.
Old Business:

1. This academic year ASC is due to review English Composition and Mathematics. We will discuss the schedule at the next meeting.

2. We would like Mark Mailloux to provide us with information about this year’s entering class.

3. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 24, 4 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned 5:03 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Mary Rose Williams