Academic Standards Committee Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2012

Attendees: Mark Albers, Mike Dalecki, Shane Drefcinski, Jeff Huebschman, Ray Spoto, Adam Stanley, Irfan Ul-Haq, Dave Van Buren, Sheryl Wills

Old Business

- **Course repeat policy update**
  - There are a small number of repeat abuses, referring to more than 3 class repeats.
  - There are large numbers of 2nd time repeats.
  - Re-take currently replaces previous grade.
  - Federal Aid requires that a student must show progress to continue.
    - Has a 10 semester max.
- **Discussion of “new proposals”**
  - A one-time “free” retake policy. Any additional repeats would carry some sort of negative consequence.
  - Maybe a mixed number depending on academic stage (fresh, soph, etc.)
- **Course shopping**
  - Possibly a policy topic
  - Gpa minimum to enter a school of (study)
- **Discussion on why students continue with classes when gpa indicates poor performance/bad habits.**
  - Mandatory “sit out semester” to rethink a student’s college plan.
  - Issues of student loans payment activation during the sit-out semester prevents some students from taking a break. Becomes a motivator to just “press on” with bad habits....same results.
  - Chairman will look into other UW models for next meeting.
- **Academic misconduct**
  - Still in the Faculty Senate, waiting on a response.
  - Chair will speak with Phil to gain a better understanding of the issue.
- **Grade inflation**
  - Committee is still in the process of acquiring UW data and the ability to analyze it.
- **NSSE**
  - Survey shows that a number of students believe that the college classes they have taken were not as challenging as they thought they would be.
  - UWP has a larger number of these responses compared to peer universities.
New Business

- The (day of the week) and (time of the day) of the ASC meetings was brought up and briefly discussed.
- Other campus meetings drive time and calendar dates.

- **Accelerated Degree program**
  - ACT of 23
  - 3 year completion/graduation goal.
  - The cost/benefit of this is being studied.
  - May be a disincentive for better students to be more engaged in the “college experience.”

Motion to adjourn 4:55pm