Committee Members Present: Beth Frieders, Rob Hasker, Sheryl Wills (Chair), Dave Kieckhafer, Joe Clifton, Laura Anderson, Tony Thomas, Kari Hill, Irfan Ul-Haq, Joanne Wilson, and Joan Riedle

1. Approval of March 5, 2010 minutes: Minutes were approved with one correction. The second sentence of 2d was changed to read “Motion was seconded by Joan Riedle; motion passed.”

2. University Repeat Policy: Sheryl distributed copies of the recommendations from the Academic Standards Committee to the Faculty Senate. The first recommends a fee for retakes of $30/credit plus a $10 administrative fee. The second addresses inclusion of repeats in the student grade point average, after a student’s second semester. It was agreed that our recommendation, counting regular (not remedial) repeated courses in the GPA, should go forward to the Faculty Senate as a third alternative for their consideration.

Beth indicated that the ASC considered the repeat policy after being asked to address concerns with grade inflation, while we addressed the issue because students were having difficulty registering for classes if seats were filled with students completing repeats. She suggested that we maintain that distinction when presenting our recommendation. Our recommendation will be presented at the April 13, 2010, meeting of the Faculty Senate; Sheryl welcomes the presence of our committee members at that meeting.

Remedial courses will be discussed at a future meeting, with a focus on methods of implementing/enforcing current UW-System policies with regard to remedial courses.

3. Dissemination of information on new grading system effective Fall 2011: The Fall 2011 date was selected to coincide with a new catalog and to allow dissemination of information regarding the grading system during the 2010-11 academic year. Dave noted that a brochure will likely be prepared and workshops offered, that graduate students will also be using the +/- system, and that discussion will be needed as to how programs which require grades of “C or better” in their major or for prerequisites will incorporate the C- grades. Joanne noted that discussion of the new grading system is now included in the Intro to College Life course.

4. Student difficulties when registering for classes: It was agreed that individual students may need additional assistance with registering for classes and should be referred to their advisors, but that a campus-wide solution was not warranted.

5. Ad Astra - Room scheduling software: Dave explained that “regions” can be set within the system which will address many of the faculty concerns about classroom locations. The Registrar’s Office will be asking that room preferences and attributes needed (e.g., technology, seating options) be submitted with schedules.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52.

Next meeting date: 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010, in Gardner 447