Academic Standards Committee

March 14, 2012

Members Present: Shane Drefcinski, Jeff Huebschman, Ray Spoto, Adam Stanley, David Van Buren, Irfan UlHaq, Sheryl Wills

Guests: Melissa Gormley, David Kieckhafer

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

II. Shane Drefcinski was appointed secretary

III. Approval of minutes of last meeting.

IV. Announcements –

   a. Ray Spoto distributed a handout concerning an additional $1.8 million spent on non-teaching areas. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

   b. Drefcinski announced that the proposed general education model was approved by Faculty Senate on March 13.

V. New business

   a. Gormley discussed proposed changes to UW-Platteville’s Academic Standing Policies. The current policy is not consistent with federal financial aid criteria. These changes have already been approved by the Registration Committee. Spoto moved to approve the policy changes with an additional clause that a student may only qualify as “at risk” for two semesters; Wills seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Old business

   a. Course Repeat Policy. Discussion clarified that an official withdrawal from a course (i.e., grade of W on transcript) counts as an attempt to pass the course. UlHaq moved; Huebschman seconded. Motion carried.

   b. Academic Misconduct Policy. Ulhaq moved; Wills seconded. Motion carried.

   c. NSSE recommendations. Discussion added comments to point #5—the university should devote more resources to its talented students (e.g., an Honor’s Program). On a related issue, Stanley will invite Angela Udelhofen to a future meeting to provide an enrollment update.

   d. Grade inflation data—to be continued.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:53.
Submitted by Shane Drefcinski