

Minutes  
Educational Affairs Committee  
April 25, 1991

The committee convened at 11:00 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room of the College of Business Administration. Present were: Peter Dress, Ileana Arias, Karen Kuers, Betty Whitten, Sharan Merriam, Delmer Dunn, David Radcliffe, Bruce Shutt, Stanley Longman and Daniel DerVartanian. Others present included Wayne Antenen, Director of the Division of Developmental Studies, States McCarter, former chair of the committee and Chair of the task force that studied student dishonesty, and Joan Stroer, Red and Black staff writer.

The minutes of the April 16, 1991 meeting were approved as presented.

The committee then moved to consider the Academic Assistance proposal. The committee discussed UNV 102 and 103 and the kind of credit these courses would carry for the "low-risk" and "not-at-risk" students. The committee made several suggested changes in the figure included in the proposal. Some of the changes related to formatting the table. The committee also approved adding department to "college/school" as able to include UNV 102 and 103 as courses that would count for degree credit. It would be understood that departments would have to obtain approval through the procedures operative in their colleges to exercise this option. In addition, the committee approved a change on page 10 that would require that the comment on the transcript for the need for academic assistance courses list the courses that are needed. The comment indicating that particular academic assistance courses had been successfully completed would also be noted. The committee also discussed at length the parts of the proposal requiring students who perform poorly in the first-level math or English courses to take academic assistance courses. The committee concluded that the departments should be able to require that such courses be taken, but some changes need to be made in the proposal to make these provisions clearer. This matter will be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

The committee next discussed the work of the Task Force on Academic Honesty. Dr. McCarter gave a brief history of the task force. He discussed each of the recommendations of the task force. He devoted the most attention to the Task Force's recommendation on moving the procedures for considering academic dishonesty from the Office of Student Affairs to the Office of Academic Affairs. The Task Force in its work came to the conclusion that referring an academic matter (academic dishonesty) to student affairs did not seem appropriate. The Task Force also found that the different results of administrative versus student judiciary hearings was problematical. The Task Force found that many of the decisions were decided in favor of students on grounds of "mitigating" circumstances that the task force members found questionable.

Dr. Dress read the responses from Vice Presidents William Prokasy and Dwight Douglas to the recommendation that consideration of academic dishonesty cases be moved from one office to the other. Dr. Prokasy indicated that he was not seeking the responsibility but would abide by a decision of the University Council. Dr. Douglas indicated that the procedure should remain in his office. The committee will continue to study this issue at its next meeting. Dr. Douglas and Mr. Bill Bracewell will be invited to attend.

The committee will meet next on Wednesday, May 1, 1991 at 11:30 a.m. The committee adjourned at 12:55 p.m.