

Minutes
Educational Affairs Committee
October 13, 1995
10:00 a.m.

Members present: Dwight Coulter, Brenda Manning, Stephen Myers, Fran Teague, and John Waller (student member).

Visitors: Ann Crowther, Gary Moore, Fran Rauschenberg, Bruce Shutt, and Jim Whitney.

The first order of business was the election of a new chair for the 1995-96 academic year. Stephen Myers was elected chair unanimously.

Next the committee considered a request from Ann Crowther, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, that the committee review the nature of the coursework that will satisfy the requirement that a student on academic probation take 10 hours of coursework with a minimum 2.3 GPA in order to avoid dismissal. At the present time students may satisfy the requirement by taking, e.g., one academic course and a remedial (ACA) course or ERD 099 or ERS 099. Dr. Crowther expressed the view that students on academic probation should be required to take a more challenging load, specifically a minimum of 10 hours of academic coursework that will count toward the student's degree. The committee approved a change in the policy, requiring students on academic probation to take a minimum of 10 hours of courses numbered above 100 and graded A-F exclusively; courses with grades of W, V, I, S, U, NR, or ER will not count toward the 10 hours.

The committee then heard from Ms. Fran Rauschenberg regarding several recommended changes in the Academic Honesty policy. The initial printing of the policy, widely distributed across campus last year, are now exhausted, and a re-printing is badly needed. However, before new copies are printed, it seems desirable to make any needed changes first. After going over many of the proposed changes and making some suggestions of their own, the committee authorized Ms. Rauschenberg to go forward with the proposed changes. The committee suggested that since the proposed changes are largely editorial and to some extent procedural, the new draft, with changes, might not require full Council approval but rather simply distribution to the Council membership as an information item. Mr. Davis said he would show the new draft to Bryndis Roberts for her review on the question of whether the draft would need full Council approval.

Finally, Dr. Jim Whitney, chair of the Semester Conversion Committee, briefed the committee on the progress of the Semester Conversion Committee in planning for conversion to a semester calendar in Fall 1998. He said the committee soon would approve a proposed semester calendar for the 1998-99 academic year and would forward the proposal to the EAC for its review and approval before going on to the full Council. Dr. Bruce Shutt also provided a proposed calendar for the 1997-98 academic year for committee review and approval at its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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