

MINUTES
Educational Affairs Committee
March 12, 1991

The committee met at 8:30 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room of the College of Business Administration. Present were: Ileana Arias, Dan DerVartanian, Peter Dress, Delmer Dunn, Stan Longman, Sharan Merriam, David Radcliffe, Bruce Shutt, and Betty Whitten. Karen Kuers was absent. Dr. Whitten presided over the meeting.

The minutes of the February 26, 1991 meeting were approved as presented.

The committee first reviewed recommended changes in the foreign language policy that had been approved at the last meeting. Dr. Whitten suggested several editorial changes as did other members. The committee approved the proposed policy which is appended at Attachment A.

The committee then examined proposed changes in the recommended policy changes for clarifying graduation requirements and a University policy on course drops and withdrawals. After discussion and some other changes, the committee approved these policies for submission to the University council. These proposals are appended as Attachment B and Attachment C.

The committee then considered the proposal by Dr. Betsey Barth, representing the College of Business Administration. Dr. Barth had expressed concerns that the dismissal policy was based on hours earned at the University and elsewhere while the required grade point average was based only on University work. She also expressed concern that the dismissal policy was based solely on University grades while designation as an honors graduate relied on grade point average at the University plus any transferred courses. Committee discussion included recognition of some of the inconsistencies of these policies but believed that changing them would create other kinds of problems. In the end it was moved, seconded, and voted not to recommend any changes in these areas.

The committee then reviewed the draft of a subcommittee that had been working on a response to Dr. Knapp's State-of-the-University address, which stressed the need for more attention to instruction at the University. The draft was not finished and the subcommittee will take comments by committee members into account as the work on the draft continues.

The committee will meet next on Friday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m., primarily to work on the response to President Knapp's address. The committee adjourned at 9:40 a.m.