

**Minutes**  
**Admissions, Standards, & Honors Committee Meeting**  
**Peabody 310**  
**February 28, 2007 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

1. The minutes from the January 31, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed. Motion, Bengtson; second Batinski; vote, unanimous.
2. There was an extensive discussion of data from Spring and Winter 2006 Intersessions provided by Robert Doolos. The Committee made several observations.
  1. The average LSU undergraduate GPA is about 2.9. Therefore, close to 50% of the students registering for Intersessions should have a GPA above 3.0. In contrast, approximately 37% of the students registering for Intersession have GPAs of 3.0 or better **prior** to registering for Intersession. That is, Intersession students tend to be below average. The following table compares GPA data from the two Intersessions with the LSU average from Fall 2004.

**Comparative GPA Percentages**

	<b>Spring 2006 Intersession</b>	<b>Winter 2006 Intersession</b>	<b>LSU Overall Fall 2004</b>
At Least 3.5	13.2	12.6	19.0
At Least 3.0	37.5	38.3	47.0

2. Approximately 60% of the students are seniors.
3. There is wide variation in the types of courses offered. Some are courses offered in regular semesters, while others are unique to Intersessions. The latter are courses that would be difficult to teach in regular semesters. BE 4342 is one example.
4. There is wide variation in grade distributions across departments. Some departments, such as Mathematics, have grade distributions that are similar to those in regular semesters. However, other departments have grade distributions that reflect a much higher percentage of As and Bs than normal. For example, English averages around 85% As and Bs. These cross sectional differences are not caused by a few courses with very small enrollments.

These observations and differences appear in both Spring and Winter Intersessions.

3. A loophole in the F policy discovered by Warren Waggenspack, Associate Dean of Engineering, was discussed. Students argue that F grades in a course not taken at LSU do not count against the two F limit. The committee concludes that the loophole can be closed by deleting the words 'at LSU' from the last sentence of the section titled 'Credit for Repeated Courses' on page 72 of the 2006-2007 General Catalog. The change will become effective with the 2008-2009 Catalog.

Andrew Christie agreed to obtain an estimate of the difficulty of implementing the change from ITS.

4. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Christie, Chair