

Minutes from the ASH Meeting held October 23, 2009

ADMISSIONS, STANDARDS & HONORS COMMITTEE

Pleasant Hall Library

Members Present: William Armstrong, Paul Larock, Robert Perlis, James Ryon, Maud Walsh

Non-Voting Members Present: Stacia Haynie, Robert Doolos, Mary Parker

Guests: Emily Elliott, Psychology; Frank Neubrandner, Math

- 4:00 pm Meeting called to order
- 4:05 pm Approval of Minutes from October 9th meeting – motion to approve by James Ryon, seconded by William Armstrong. Motion passed.
- 4:06 pm New Business:
1. Second reading of proposal from Art for catalog changes to clarify catalog. Motion to approve proposal by James Ryon; second by William Armstrong. Motion passed.
 2. Second reading of proposal from Math/Cain Center/Frank Neubrandner regarding P/AU enrollment for dual-enrollment high-school students taking off-campus courses. A discussion arose as to whether the Board of Regents would allow the \$300 stipend for dual-enrollment students who are not getting a letter grade. It was decided that the issue of P/AU should be separated from any issue of payment of stipends. Motion to approve by James Ryon; seconded by William Armstrong. Motion passed.
 3. Emily Elliott, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Psychology, presented a proposal to require that students not only have a GPA of 2.5 or higher to declare a major in Psychology but also must maintain the 2.5 GPA to enroll in psychology courses. This would allow a graduating senior who started the semester with a 2.5 or higher GPA but fell below 2.5 (but not below 2.0) to graduate. After a discussion of the need to make the 2010-2011 catalog deadline, a motion to approve was made by James Ryon and seconded by William Armstrong. Motion passed.
 4. Mary Parker, Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid, presented a proposal to remove the requirement that entering students take the writing assessment component of the ACT or SAT. While this was thought to be a useful tool when it was passed, it seems that most programs, notably English, do not make use of this requirement and it is an obstacle for encouraging more students to apply to LSU. The requirement was passed by the LSU faculty senate in 2004, so it will take another senate resolution to remove it; likely this will not happen in time to make the new catalog. Stacia Haynie said that once the senate passes the resolution to remove the requirement, then the new policy can be administered without it being in the catalog. Motion to approve the proposal by James Ryon, second by William Armstrong. Motion passed.
- 5:00 pm Meeting adjourned.