

**Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting, September 17, 2010  
Pleasant Hall Library/Conference Room**

William Armstrong, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Also present: Marty Loupe, Stacy Haynie, Robert Perlis, Andrea Houston, Ioan Negalescu, Lupe Lamadrid, Mary G. Parker, Robert Doolos, Maud Walsh, Muhammed Wahab, Paul LaRock.

Armstrong welcomed old and new members, and then everyone introduced herself/himself. Houston, a newly appointed member, Parker and Lamadrid asked to be included in e-mailings about ASH meetings. Walsh agreed to take notes during the meeting.

**Request from the College of Business** for approval of changes to admission and maintenance requirements as voted on and approved by the College of Business faculty assembly [see supporting documents]

Houston presented a request from the College of Business for approval of changes to admission and maintenance requirements. Details and rationale were circulated to committee prior to the meeting, but Houston gave additional background information to the committee. Wahab questioned whether admitting students with lower GPAs would require the development of remedial courses or material within courses. Houston responded that many students of the student who will be admitted are already in the courses as minors. She noted that there are 500 UCAC students who will potentially be admitted to the College of Business if the changes are approved, but that indications are that most of the students with a minor in Business will not change majors, as they are taking the minor simply because it fits with a chosen major such as Sports Administration.

Houston, Doolos and Haynie indicated that quick approval of the proposal might allow the transition of students into the College of Business as early as the spring semester. Perlis pointed out that standard ASH procedures call for presentation of a proposal at one meeting and a vote at the next. The committee agreed to follow this procedure for this proposal. Doolos also suggested voting on each of the 4 parts of the proposal separately.

The need for corrections in several areas in wording and statement of gpa in the document of proposed catalog changes was pointed out. Houston agreed to make the corrections and resubmit to ASH before the next meeting.

**Request from Robert Doolos** that ASH Committee consider treating Spring Intersessions and Wintersessions the same way Summer Intersessions are currently treated with respect to students who are experiencing academic difficulty

Doolos presented a proposal that students enrolled in Winter and Spring intersession courses be allowed to continue in those courses even if they are to be dropped from the University. At present, students who are dropped can be purged from intersession classes after having already paid tuition and attended a significant number of classes. The timing of grade submission for regular semesters and the start of winter and spring intersession precludes notifying students of their status before intersession starts (see proposal from the Registrar's office). Doolos and Haynie answered questions about procedure if students want to appeal their drop status after doing well in an intersession course (they can do this) or if they want to drop the intersession course retroactively if they will not be allowed to continue during the next regular semester (they can request this using the same procedures for retroactive drops during a regular semester).

Perlis questioned the value of intersession courses in general and whether they were simply moneymakers. Haynie responded that intersession and summer school courses are now overseen by the Provost's office and not Continuing Education, so academic deans make the determinations of whether intersession courses should be offered. She observed that she had taught an intersession class that worked very well because of the nature of the topic, although not all classes lend themselves to the compressed session. Haynie also pointed out that intersession courses help with retention and graduation rate. The committee will vote on the proposal at the next meeting.

Armstrong asked the committee to think about goals and projects for the coming year, particularly in light of the current fiscal crisis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

[Minutes submitted by Maud Walsh]