

**Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting, November 15, 2010
Pleasant Hall Library/Conference Room**

Members present: Bill Armstrong, Paul LaRock, Regina Lawrence, Robert Perlis, Muhammed Wahab, Stacy Haynie, Robert Doolos, Maud Walsh. Lake Douglas sent vote and proxy to Armstrong.

Visitors: Jori Erdman, Architecture; Jeffrey Wale, Thomas Rodgers, Scott Sullivan, Student Government Association. Sydney Dunn, the Reveille.

William Armstrong, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

The minutes of the Oct 15th meeting were approved.

Discussion of FS Resolution 10-13, "Withdrawal Date Policy Revisions," introduced at the request of the Student Government Association

The Committee continued discussion of a request for ASH support for Faculty Senate Resolution 10-13 at the October 15th meeting <http://www.lsu.edu/senate/resolution%2010-13%20withdrawal%20policy.pdf>. The resolution seeks to make the "drop" dates for courses the same as "add" dates, arguing that six days is not enough time for students to determine whether they want to stay in the classes. After the October 15th meeting Robert Doolos distributed comments about the proposal that expressed concern about the proposed changes reducing class selection for students waiting to add courses and about the 90% refund date [see supporting document entitled Doolos statement SGA proposal]. At today's meeting Student Government representatives pointed out that they would also ask that the 90% refund date be moved along with the drop date. The Committee's continued discussion about the proposal centered on the difficulty of covering material and assigning students to groups for projects with the long period of uncertain enrollment. Haynie pointed out that there is a strong correlation between classes dropped and low student retention. She will provide at our next meeting information on how many students would be affected by the changes, and who usually drops and adds under the current policy. The committee agreed to defer a vote until this information is presented.

Proposed change in the Undergraduate Admission Requirements from the School of Architecture [see supporting document entitled ARCH UG Admission Req] Jori Erdman explained that most of the changes requested by Architecture are mandated by the accrediting agency; the new text is the required wording. The deletion of "80" from the first sentence of the second paragraph of the Admission Requirements was also proposed to reflect current admission practices, but Robert Perlis suggested deleting the whole sentence. Erdman agreed that this was a good idea and amended the Architecture request. The Committee approved all of the changes.

Providing consistency among academic departments, schools, and colleges in statements pertaining to GPA requirements for transfer students

Last month's proposal from the College of Music and Dramatic Arts for a change in wording about admission requirements for transfer students prompted an examination of inconsistency in wording in Colleges' catalog statements on transfer admission policies and adherence to LSU's published transfer requirements. Several examples were provided to illustrate the problem. Armstrong suggested that a general statement such as "Students from another institution must

also meet University transfer admission requirements” would be preferable to including GPA, and that any additional requirements, such as GPA in a certain class, could be added by the Colleges. Haynie and Doolos suggested that the ASH committee make a recommendation to that effect to the Catalog Revision Committee.

“Core 4” for future considerations

Haynie asked that the Committee discuss future state-mandated changes in admission policies, specifically the “Core 4” requirements. She and Mary Parker would like to present the issue to the Committee at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

[Minutes submitted by Maud Walsh]