

Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting

February 1, 2012

Registrar's Conference Room, Thomas Boyd

Attending: Fakhri Al-Bagdadi, Sarah Bartoleme, Patti Beste, Graham Bodie (proxy by Houston), Nicole Dahmen, Robert Doolos, Gil Reeve, Andrea Houston (chair), Gerald Knapp, David Kurpius, Lupe Lamadrid, Sandra McGuire, Ioan Negulescu, Gil Reeve, Larry Smolinski.

Guests: Elizabeth Bordelon, Student Government; Sandra McGuire, Committee on Retention; Thomas Rodgers, Student Government, Sheri Wischusen, Committee on Retention.

Houston called the committee to order at 12 noon. She said that she will email minutes from Nov. 30th meeting for committee approval.

Discussion on Resolution 11-23 "Repeat-Delete" policy

Student Government Elizabeth and Thomas Rodgers presented a proposed revision of LSU's Repeat Policy (<http://www.lsu.edu/senate/resolution%2011-23%20repeat-delete.pdf>)

Houston asked how LSU would deal with courses required for major if there is academic misconduct. Rodgers replied that revised version excludes academic misconduct from exemption from GPA calculation.

Houston asked about variable hour classes, and McGuire asked why the proposal was for 11 and not more hours. Bordelon responded that the limit would encourage students to try to get grade in class and Rodgers said that other schools have a comparable number. Bordelon and Rodgers indicated that Student Government would be willing to change the proposal hours to 12, but want to keep it at three courses. McGuire commended the students for their work. Knapp moved to change it 12 hours, Neglescu seconded, and the committee voted to approve.

Houston recommended that the committee wait for a revised version from the students, then decide about transfer course procedures after consulting with Admissions and Academic Affairs

Discussion on Retention Committee recommendations on changes to admissions

McGuire presented recommendations for changes developed by the Retention Committee to admission requirements for re-entry students from 2.5 to 2.2 or 2.25 [see document entitled Retention Comm Recommendations 12 7 2011]

McGuire noted that given current re-entry requirements of a 2.5 GPA, if student leaves and comes back with a higher GPA than s/he left with, that student might not be re-admitted to LSU. Lamadrid pointed out that there is some flexibility for those situations.

Neglescu asked what rules apply if a student leaves, doesn't take classes, and comes back. Lamdrid replied that student would be considered a reentry and GPA would not be a factor in re-admission.

Lamadrid proposed that students who have taken 1-30 hours at another university would be considered re-entry students, whereas students who have taken 30 or more would be held to transfer requirements for their senior colleges.

Knapp moved to accept the new guidelines, Neglescu seconded the motion, and the committee approved.

Lamadrid will draft up a new set of recommended changes to admission policies and send to the committee for review.

Update on Resolution 11-20 "A Plus and Minus Grading System for LSU"

(<http://www.lsu.edu/senate/resolution%2011-20%20plus%20and%20minus%20grading.pdf>)

Houston updated the committee on the status of Faculty Senate resolution 11-20. She said that she first learned about the Faculty Senate agenda item in the Advocate that morning and went to the Faculty Senate meeting to take part in the discussions. After discussions, the Senate agreed with a recommendation for a task force to examine the possibility of LSU's changing to +/- grades. Graham Bodie, a member of the Faculty Senate, will represent ASH on that task force—he's a senator.

Review of Subcommittee on Procedures recommended routing form

Doolos distributed copies of the proposal [see document entitled ASH Routing Form} that was developed by the subcommittee.

Knapp asked about coordination with Courses & Curricula. Reeve indicated that Academic Affairs won't sign off unless the appropriate committees have signed off on a proposal.

Al-Baghdadi moved to accept, Knapp seconded the motion, and the committee moved to approve.

The ASH routing form will be treated like C&C documents. They will be on Registrar's website with links on other sites.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

[Minutes submitted by Maud Walsh]