

ASH Committee Meeting

May 2, 2012

Room 115 School of Human Ecology Building

Present: Fakhri Al-Bagdadi, Sarah Bartoleme, Robert Doolos, Andrea Houston (chair), Paul Ivey, Gerry Knapp, Lupe Lamadrid, Gil Reeve, Ioan Neglescu, and Maud Walsh

Houston called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

Approval of minutes

Neglescu moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 19, 2012. The motion was seconded by Knapp and unanimously passed by the committee.

ASH Committee chair for 2012-13

Knapp accepted nomination to be chair for 2012-2013.

Addition of new membership positions

Houston introduced Paul Ivey, Executive Director of University College, and suggested that he be included on the ASH Committee as a non-voting member. The committee approved the inclusion without discussion.

Knapp suggested including an Honors College representative as well and the committee agreed with this proposal as well. Houston or Knapp will pass long the recommendations for these additional members to the Faculty Senate.

Ad Hoc Committee on Plus/Minus Grading

Knapp, who represented ASH on the committee reported on the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on Plus/Minus Grading [see document entitled Ad Hoc Committee onPlusMinusgradingReportfinal]. The committee found that a majority of the institutions that were contacted have plus-minus grading. The committee recommended deferring adoption of plus-minus grading until AY 2015 when a new student management system will be implemented.

Reeve asked if the Ad Hoc committee suggested evaluation of the recommendation in 2015. Knapp said report is already submitted to Faculty Senate. Reeve pointed out that Faculty Senate makes recommendations to Academic Affairs. Houston said that she would prefer to see undergraduate and graduate student representation on the Ad Hoc committee.

Knapp said that there was not much focus on benefits. Houston asked about recruiting impacts. Lamadrid said that the most impact will be on scholarships. Doolos said that only retention issue

(from McGuire) is effect on GPA. Ivey said that minus grade may have adverse effect on retention. Houston said that Athletics was not represented on the ad hoc committee and may have concerns.

Dual enrollment policy and practices

Houston and Brodie will draft up a dual enrollment policy over the summer. Houston said that she knows that fund sharing should be mentioned. Lamadrid suggested policy and procedures be developed (concerns were voiced by Dean Gaines Foster after a meeting with HSS faculty). Houston suggested that there should be a committee to review success, retention, student performance, etc. to make recommendations for future partnerships. Lamadrid said that peer institutions have dual-enrollment programs that work well. She is gathering information from the institutions to assist in developing policies.

The committee thanked Houston for her service as chair of the committee during the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

[Minutes submitted by Maud Walsh]