

**Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting  
September 10, 2012  
115 School of Human Ecology Building Conference Room**

Meeting opened at 12:35 with quorum (one proxy); Gerry Knapp presiding, minutes recorded by Graham Bodie

In attendance:

- Voting members – Fakhri Al-Bagdadi, Gerry Knapp, Graham Bodie, Larry Smolinski, Sarah Bartolome (by proxy to Knapp)
- Non-voting members – Gill Reeve, Robert Doolos, Walt Holliday, Paul Ivey, Michael Blandino
- Guests – Patricia Beste (English), Rick Moreland (English), Barbara Heifferon (Admission)

After one minor correction to the minutes (change “Reeves” to “Reeve”), minutes from May 22 were approved by unanimous vote.

A brief discussion occurred to provide a background of the purpose of the Committee. Since there are no official by-laws, the Committee will operate if there is a quorum present (5 or more people including proxies).

**I. Plus/Minus Grading System**

- up for discussion in the Fall, ad hoc committee has already reported to Faculty Senate, our role is to take any additional issues back to Senate.
- Discussion ensued following these points:
  - Whether it applies to Veterinary Medicine Students – yes, it does; it does not apply to other “campuses” like the Law School with a separate Chancellor
  - What the history of the resolution was and arguments for and against – Larry questioned the need for this other than something “new”
  - Administrative concerns were highlighted by Paul Ivey
    - Flexibility of using or not using (by faculty) is bad as it may cause students to shop around for certain professors; in addition, those interpreting transcripts would not know whether to take into account the system or not
    - Policies involving for C grades would have to be reconsidered; this would cause major amounts of paperwork
    - Cost of implementation, though it was noted that this was part of the report
  - Athletics’ concerns were highlighted by Walt Holliday
    - this could affect eligibility, and appeals may increase
- A motion was called for vote on whether ASH supports the resolution or not by Larry and seconded by Gerry.
  - In favor – 3
  - Opposed – 2

## **II. University College Proposal, Grade Exclusion Policy (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

- Suggestion to change “senior college” to “academic college” – this would make this policy more consistent with other policies; no reason seen to make senior college responsible for something that can be taken care of by academic college
- Vote held to query all colleges about this change

## **III. Department of English Proposal, placement change from one standardized test to best from multiple standardized tests (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

- Currently, the decision is not consistent; this new policy is done ad hoc by request
- For next meeting, Department asked to gather data to ensure this was the decision desired

Motion to adjourn (Gerry), Second (Graham), Adjourned 1:24 PM

Next meeting: Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM, 115 Human Ecology Bldg.

[Minutes submitted by Graham Bodie]