

Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting
October 4, 2013
115 School of Human Ecology Building Conference Room

Meeting opened at 12:30 with quorum; Gerry Knapp presiding and recording minutes

In attendance:

- Voting members – Fakhri Al-Bagdadi, Dee Jacobsen (for Alex Garn), Gerry Knapp, Paul LaRock, Doug McMillin, Larry Smolinsky, Sarah Bartolome, Cathy Williams
- Proxies held –Graham Bodie (Knapp)
- Non-voting members –Paul Ivey, Robert Doolos, Michael Blandino

Minutes from September 6th, 2013 were approved by unanimous vote.

I. Proposal – Registrar: First reading of proposal regarding graduate courses and undergraduate degrees

- It was clarified that the proposal would not prevent undergraduates from taking graduate courses for either undergraduate or graduate credit; only that they could not use the same course for both undergrad and grad degrees unless in a combined curriculum.
 - A question was raised as to what happens if a student uses a required grad course in a graduate program for their undergraduate program, and then goes on to enroll in the graduate program. This is not addressed in current policy. Consensus was this is probably handled by substitution in the graduate program.
- Larry S. noted that the proposed catalog statement does not seem to adequately state the intent of the proposal, nor does it seem to be in the right location in the catalog. It was suggested it may be worth a separate section to address just this issue, as well as a reference in the “Second Baccalaureate Degree” section. Robert D. indicated he would revise and circulate to the committee before the next meeting.
- Further discussion and vote on the proposal tabled till next meeting
- On a related but separate issue, a number of committee members indicated they are not happy with the minimum 3.5 GPA requirement for undergraduate students taking graduate courses, and that many qualified students are prevented from taking graduate coursework due to this requirement. This will be included as a separate discussion item at the November meeting.

II. Discussion: Request from Academic Affairs for input on policy regarding students taking courses at two year degrees.

- Robert D. indicated that this is an old policy which has not been reviewed in quite some time. Given the significant changes in the community college system in Louisiana, and LSU’s curriculum partnerships with community colleges, Academic Affairs supports Robert’s request that the policy be revisited.
- It was clarified that no change is intended in regulations regarding retaking courses where a D/F was earned at LSU.
- Paul I. indicated current policy limits when they can take these courses. There is also problems with interpretation – if a student is below the ½ applied credits at start of term but would be over at end of term, can they take community college courses during the term? He suggested perhaps a maximum hours statement (taking into consideration residency requirements).

- A number of members had concerns regarding students taking core courses at community colleges, as there are concerns as to whether truly of equivalent quality.
- Doug M. noted there are issues with accreditation requirements in some programs. For instance, the business school's accrediting agency require that a minimum % of business courses must be taken at LSU and from academically qualified faculty.
- There was a general consensus in favor of continuing to require senior college pre-approval of community college coursework.
- Gerry K. will query senior college representatives for input on this policy. Members are encouraged to do the same with their faculty colleagues and program/department level administrators. Please email circulate any input collected to all members prior to next meeting.
- Further discussion and vote tabled till next meeting

There was a request for meeting announcements, agenda's, and proposals to be circulated to representatives from the senior colleges prior to meetings. Gerry K will identify contacts and will add to distribution list for future meeting announcements.

Remaining meetings this semester, first Friday of each month: November (1), and December (6); 12:30-1:30pm, 115 Human Ecology Bldg.

Meeting adjourned 1:08 PM
[Minutes submitted by Gerry Knapp]