

**Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting  
May 9, 2014  
310 A Council Room, LSU Union**

Meeting opened at 12:31 with quorum; Gerry Knapp presiding, minutes recorded by Graham Bodie

In attendance:

- Voting members – Fakhri Al-Bagdadi, Gerry Knapp, Larry Smolinsky, Doug McMillin, Alex Garn, Cathleen Williams, Paul LaRock, Graham Bodie
- Non-voting members –Walt Holliday, Robert Doolos, Paul Ivey, Michael Blandino
- Guests – Becky Caire (H&SS), Stacey Haynie (H&SS), Tom Sofranko (Architecture)

Announcements

- Changes in faculty members
  - Leaving: Larry Smolinsky (Science)
  - Joining: Gary King (Science), Suzanne Stauffer (HSS)
  - Continuing for another term: Graham Bodie, Sarah Bartolome

Minutes from April 25, 2014 were approved by unanimous vote

**I. Humanities and Social Sciences Probation and Drop Change**

To change the current HSS college probation/drop policy to no longer drop a student from HSS if they do not earn a 2.0 semester GPA for two consecutive semesters. Instead, students will be allowed to continue on college probation.

Change does not affect graduation requirements or influence University probation/drop policy.

Handout circulated providing number of students affected by current versus new policy

Motion to suspend rule of second reading (Al-Bagdadi), Second (Knapp); passed unanimously

Motion in favor of policy change (Smolinsky), Second (Knapp); motion carries with unanimity

**II. Architecture Gate Policy**

To change current Gate policy, which requires students to apply for admission to the upper division, from the end of the second year, to the end of the first year

Typically 100 students admitted into freshman class with 50 or fewer continuing past second year; most of students who do not continue actually change majors after first year; total graduating cohort usually around 36

Motion to suspend rule of second reading (Al-Bagdadi), Second (Knapp); passed unanimously.

Motion in favor of policy change (Smolinsky), Second (Knapp); motion carries with unanimity.

### **III. Architecture Computer Policy**

To require student admitted to architecture program to own a personal computer (specifications available from Department) in first year; currently the requirement is for second year students

Discussion centered on students who may not be able to afford a laptop, accommodations are available but students will need to own a person computer to graduate

Motion to suspend rule of second reading (Knapp), Second (Al-Bagdadi); passed unanimously

Motion in favor of policy change (Smolinsky), Second (Williams); motion passed with 7 for and 1 abstain.

IV. Email vote if necessary this summer for remaining TOPS 2018 changes (foreign language classes with “culture” in title); if controversial then issue will be tabled until Fall.

Meeting adjourned 1:02 PM; no remaining meetings for semester