

**Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting
October 25, 2016
305 Caddo Room, LSU Union**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairman Graham Bodie.

In attendance:

Voting Members: Graham Bodie, Greg Griffin, Suzanne Stauffer, Kanchan Maiti, Alex Garn, Doug McMillin, Cathleen Williams

Non-voting Members: Paul Ivey, Walt Holliday

Guests: Marybeth Lima, Denise Chiasson, Wesley Church Ashley Junek

Minutes from September, 2016 meeting were approved.

Proposals:

1. Second reading: proposal by the School of Social Work to waive the GRE requirement for admission to the master of social work program had been tabled at the previous meeting to allow a representative from the graduate school and the School of Social Work to address questions and concerns. Denise Chiasson and Wesley Church were in attendance to address concerns raised at the previous meeting. They indicated that the majority of their graduate students are non-traditional career professionals who have been in the field for quite some time. The GRE exam is not an accurate measure of their success in graduate school. Competing graduate programs do not require the GRE exam, and online programs which do not require the GRE are increasing. The best measure of graduate success is the undergraduate record, not the score on the GRE.

The School of Social Work currently focuses more on the undergraduate GPA, writing abilities, and past experience when accepting graduate students, and the place low emphasis on GRE scores.

Committee concern: Students accepted into a graduate program in the School of Social Work transferring to another graduate program later. This concern was addressed, and students will have to meet entrance requirements of the department to which they would transfer.

Motion to approve the GRE waiver (Maiti), seconded (Stauffer). Motion approved unanimously.

2. Second reading: Proposal from the Office of Academic Affairs Academic Policy Review Committee to review the incomplete grade policy. Recommendations from the September meeting were included in the new proposal. Committee recommended the following change

“I” Grades – Work which, because of circumstances beyond the student’s control, is incomplete, may be marked “I” (incomplete) with dean’s office representative’s permission. (removed “of passing quality”).

There was discussion to standardize the process, but this was not recommended because of the wide variation in classes. The student's right to appeal was also discussed.

Motion to approve (Garn), seconded (McMillin). Motion passed unanimously.

3. Proposal from the Office of Academic Affairs, submitted by Dr. Matt Lee, to edit one of the items listed under the Academic Requirements for Obtaining a Degree outlined in the LSU Catalog. The proposed change is to remove the statement regarding credit earned at two-year community colleges and transfer credit and replace it with a statement that ensures all residency and academic senior college requirements are maintained. Essentially the proposal will remove the restriction that credits earned at two year institutions can't be used once a student has earned one-half of the applied credits required for a bachelor's degree.

The committee discussed pros and cons of the proposal and asked that several items be addressed prior to the second reading at the November meeting.

4. CCELL, in conjunction with Volunteer LSU proposes the establishment of Engaged Citizens Program, which seeks to support and recognize accomplishments of undergraduate students who engage significantly with their communities to address critical community needs. The award will be noted at graduation and on the transcript.

Marybeth Lima provided an explanation of the program requirements and entertained questions from the committee. The committee asked for a course list, list of organizations, and a rubric for evaluating the required reflective paper.

A second reading of the proposal will take place at the November 15, 2016 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen C. Williams, Secretary
College of Agriculture