

**Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting
September 20, 2016
305 Caddo Room, LSU Union**

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by Graham Bodie

In attendance:

- Voting Members: Graham Bodie, Fakhri Al-Bagdadi, Greg Griffin, Doug McMillin, Cathleen Williams

- Non-voting Members: Paul Ivey, Robert Doolos, Matt Lee, Michael Blandino

Minutes from February 11, 2016 meeting were approved.

Membership of ASH committee was discussed. There is a vacant position from Music and Dramatic Arts. Graham Bodie will address this.

Proposals:

1. **Economics proposal** to add requirement that students must have a 2.0 or greater GPA in all economics courses taken. This would apply to the BS in both economics and international trade and finance. The requirement is already in place for students in the BA curriculum in economics in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

After discussion of the proposal, a motion was made to suspend the rules for a second reading and allow voting (Al-Bagdadi, Second: McMillin).

Motion passed (unanimous).

Motion was then made to approve the proposal (Bodie, Second: Williams). Motion passed, proposal was approved.

2. **Proposal from the Office of Academic Affairs Academic Policy Review Committee** to review the incomplete grade policy. The proposed change will clean up the verbiage in the current incomplete grade policy.

Committee noted that faculty input prior to dean's authorization for the I grade is no longer included in the new text. Questions centered on reasons for removing "passing work" criterion and reasons that faculty input is no longer required for I grade.

An amendment was proposed to add a statement indicating that the student has the potential to pass the course. Proposal was tabled until the next meeting to allow the changes to be made.

3. **Proposal from the Office of the University Registrar** to place student on scholastic warning rather than probation if the GPA is less than 10 quality points below 2.0 after having been on probation before.

Discussion centered on current system and the advantages of proposed system. Students will be allowed in the new system to go through the warning then probation process thus allowing them to take more hours.

Motion to suspend the rules was passed (McMillin, Williams), then a motion was made to approve the proposal (Al-Bagdadi, Bodie).

The proposal was approved. One abstention.

4. **Proposal by the School of Social Work** to waive the GRE requirement for admission to the master of social work program.

The committee asked for more information regarding the current admission policy and exceptions to the current policy. The committee requested the proposal be tabled until the next meeting and asked that a representative from the graduate school and the School of Social Work be present to address questions and concerns.

The rationale seems to hinge on a need to recruit students (mainly for the online program) who are either unwilling to take the GRE or who desire not to. Perhaps we are losing students to other programs because of our requirement. If the GRE requirement is removed, the program could recruit a different type of student.

Concerns to be addressed at the second reading include: What is the current exception policy for students applying without GRE scores; If student is admitted to the graduate school without scores, can they transfer to other programs without taking the GRE if required in those programs?

Committee chair and secretary vacancies were discussed. Graham Bodie will serve another term as chair, and Cathleen Williams will serve as secretary.

Meeting Schedule (all in Union 305 at 4:30 PM)

- October 25
- November 15
- December 6

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.