

Academic Policy and Standards Committee

MINUTES

October 13, 2009

Present: Stacy Anderson, Chuck Drake, Elsie Lovsted, Jim Nystrom, Vordyn Nelson

Ex-Officio: Don Flickinger

Regrets: Anita Fagerman, Harvey Hanna, Susan Hasting-Bishop, Arlene Morton

- I. Chuck Drake was chosen as chair.
- II. New Business. Several issues were discussed:
 - a. Is it possible and reasonable for the university to move towards the use of just one of C or C- for prerequisites?
 - i. Background: presently there is a mixture of C and C- prerequisites for courses taken by many students (including MATH, ENGL, ANTH, PHYS, etc.)
 - ii. Could there be a “standard” adopted, i.e. if a “C” is used as a prerequisite, it should be a C - or it should be a C-? This will make it easier on students and advisors.
 - iii. Discussion followed.
 1. included advocacy for using a C- in campus
 2. vs interpreting a C- as “less than a C” and therefore insufficient
 3. vs an understanding that with a C- a student needs to understand they are behind but are given a chance to progress.
 - iv. Don Flickinger will try to bring in results of a prerequisite survey done by Academic Affairs recently.
 - b. Could the “standard” time blocks for three hours labs be included with Academic Affairs Policy Letter 02:3 which defines standard time blocks for 3 hour lecture scheduling?
 - i. The lab “standard” is not official, but frequently used;
 1. i.e. 9am -12n, 12n-3 pm, 3pm-6pm, or 6pm-9pm on M or W or F and 8am-11am, 12n-3pm, ... on T or R.
 - ii. Off “standard” labs have caused scheduling problems – esp for transfer and off-track students.
 - iii. Tabled with the suggestion that colleges be consulted.
- III. Don Flickinger reported that there have been several new policies including military leave and CLEP. Additionally, there may be need for some fast action by the committee as policies may need tweaking to fit programs into DegreeWorks.
- IV. Next meeting: 2nd Tuesday, November 8, 2009 to be confirmed.