The Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee met six times during Spring 2005 with two more meetings scheduled before the end of the semester. Most meetings were spent reviewing student petitions. Many of the petitions involved requests to be reinstated into Summer 2004 or Fall 2004 courses. Other requests involved changing of grades from F to W, acceptance of more than 32 credits earned as a non-admitted student, dropping of courses after the drop date, or early readmission of a student on university suspension.

In addition to student petitions, the Committee forwarded to the Faculty Senate a request from Dean Rosenbaum to reinstate the use of Ws on transcripts. The proposal was approved by the Faculty Senate and needs to be forwarded to the Board of Regents since this involves a change in regential policy. [The BoR approved the change during Fall 2005 semester.]

The ASC met with Assistant VP for Wellness Jamie Davidson concerning the development of a policy regarding withdrawing students from the university for emergency situations, such as health or legal issues. ASC members identified some procedural issues and expressed concern about due process. After discussion, the policy was returned to the VP for Wellness for further work.

ASC also met with Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Michael Bowers concerning another change to the policy regarding the number of credits that may be taken per semester by non-admitted students. Current policy allows non-admitted students to take up to 15 credits per semester. Dr. Bowers requested that non-admitted students be limited to 15 credits their first semester and 6 for each succeeding semester. Since the deadline for applications for fall admission is being moved earlier into the spring semester (to eventually be Feb. 1), many potential students who move to Las Vegas during the spring or summer would miss the deadline. UNLV could lose these students to competing institutions. Allowing non-admitted students to take 15 credits during their first semester would allow them to progress in their programs while applying for admission. The request to lower the number of credits for succeeding semesters is based on the lack of academic advisement available for non-admitted students. During discussion, Pat Zozaya, representative from Student Enrollment Services indicated our current computer system could not monitor or restrict non-admitted students’ credit load. Questions concerning what constituted the "first semester" were also raised. If students took 15 credits during summer, would that be considered the "first semester"? Data gathered from SES indicated there were 1035 non-admitted students during the Fall 2004 semester with only 295 taking more than 6 credits. After considerable discussion, ASC amended the proposal to limit non-admitted students to 6 credits per semester. Exceptions would be granted to non-admitted students enrolled in off-campus programs.
through International Programs. The amended proposal is being forwarded to the
Faculty Senate Executive Board for action.

Attendance (voting members):
Ackerman, R. (Educ)     Attended 6 meetings
Alpert, P. (Health Sci)     Attended 4 meetings
Cooper, N. (Engin)      Attended 3 meetings
Havey, R. (Fine Arts)   Attended 2 meetings (did not receive notices due to problems
with Usnick’s email list)
Larson, G. (Urb Aff)    Attended 3 meetings
Pfister, L. (Grad St.)      Attended 4 meetings
Stahura, K. (Hotel)     Attended 5 meetings

Attendance (non-voting members):
Kelly, D. (FS)              Attended 2 meetings (available in office for other 4)
Marlow, P. (Outrch)       Attended 4 meetings
Marwah, R. (Univ Col)       Attended 6 meetings
Zozaya, P. (Stud Enrol)     Attended 4 meetings

Fall 05 Report

During the Fall 2005 semester, the Academic Standards committee met eight times
(7 with this year’s committee, once with last year’s). Much of our work involved
reviewing student petitions. Most petitions dealt with requests that grades be changed
to W, re-enrollment in Summer 2005 classes due to having been purged because of
non-payment of fees or non-filing of overload petitions, and late withdrawal from
classes. This semester we received two unusual requests:
    1) a petition to remove ALL courses from the student’s academic record, and
    2) a petition that the designation of “WD” NOT be placed on a student’s transcript
       since the student had had to withdraw due to a change in his babysitter’s hours
       of availability.

The committee spent a considerable amount of time dealing with two grade
grievances, both of which were eventually approved. The lack of clear procedures
regarding the filing of grade grievances prompted ASC to propose changes to the
policy.

ASC proposed to the Faculty Senate policy changes regarding 1) the number of
credits that may be taken by non-admitted students, 2) the number of credits taken as a
non-admitted student that may be applied towards a degree, and 3) grade grievances.
It discussed the ad hoc committee on academic integrity and conduct, and heard from
its chair, Phil Burns.

Attendance (voting members):
Ackerman, R. (Educ)     Attended 6 out of 8 meetings
Alpert, P. (Health Sci)     Attended 5 out of 8 meetings
Dalpatadu, R. (Sci)     Attended 7 out of 7 meetings
Epstein, W. (Urb. Af.)  Attended 7 out of 7 meetings
Larson, G. (Urb. Af.)  Attended 1 out of 1 meeting
Havey, R. (Fine Arts)  Attended 0 out of 2 meetings
Jakubowski, P. (FA)  Attended 5 out of 6 meetings
Marwhah, R. (Univ Col)  Attended 6 out of 8 meetings
Mauer, G. (Eng)  Attended 5 out of 7 meetings
Smith, D. (Bus)  Attended 7 out of 7 meetings
Stahura, K. (Hotel)  Attended 4 out of 8 meetings

Attendance (non-voting members):
Davis, D. (Outreach)  Attended 5 out of 5 meetings
Marlow, P. (Outrch)  Attended 1 out of 3 meetings
Pratt, S. (FS Office)  Attended 8 out of 8 meetings
Sunata, C. (Stud. Enrl.)  Attended 0 out of 8 meetings