During the Fall 2010 semester, the Academic Standards Committee met ten times. Two meetings were also held during Summer 09. As in the past, much of our work consisted of reviewing student petitions. The most common requests related to withdrawal from classes in previous years (typically due to medical emergencies or family problems), late withdrawal from Fall 09 courses, or re-enrollment in Summer 09 classes due to having been purged because of non-payment of fees or non-filing of overload petitions.

Several new members joined ASC during the Fall 2009 semester: Deborah Shaffer (Urban Affairs), Jiemin Bao (Liberal Arts), Rhonda Montgomery (Hotel), and Danielle Howard (Graduate Student Association). The two undergraduate seats are still vacant as is the one for Law.

A number of petitions regarding the use of an expired catalog for purposes of graduation were reviewed. Several students requested using an out-of-date catalog in order to follow its program of study even though they do not meet the GPA requirements listed in the older catalog. Since some colleges have lowered their GPA requirements, they are giving students waivers if ASC approves use of the older catalog. Members of ASC have expressed concern that academic standards are not being maintained. However, since the GPA requirements are set by programs/colleges, the issue isn’t in ASC’s purview.

ASC is discussing the wording in the university undergraduate catalog regarding reinstatement after university suspension. There seems to be an issue with students who are eligible to return to the university but are not accepted by the college they had been attending. Until they raise their GPA, they probably cannot declare a new major; but if they cannot take classes, they cannot raise the GPA. With the closing of University College, ASC wonders where these students should be housed.

Attendance (voting members):
Alpert, P. (Health Sci) Attended 7 out of 10 meetings
Bao, J. (LA) Attended 5 out of 10 meetings
Bernatis, B. (FA) Attended 7 out of 10 meetings
Howard, D. (GSA) Attended 2 out of 3 meetings
Juneau, Gayle (Adv) Attended 5 out of 10 meetings
Moores, T. (Bus) Attended 9 out of 10 meetings
Montgomery, R. (Hotel) Attended 8 out of 10 meetings
Simon, Adam (Sci) Attended 8 out of 10 meetings
Shaffer, D. (Urb. Af.) Attended 7 out of 10 meetings
Spalding, Liz (Educ) Attended 5 out of 10 meetings
Usnick, Virginia (Chair) Attended 9 out of 10 meetings
Yfantis, A. (Engin.) Attended 9 out of 10 meetings
Law Attended 0 out of 10 meetings
First Undergrad  Attended 0 out of 10 meetings
Second Undergrad  Attended 0 out of 10 meetings

Attendance (non-voting members):
Davis, D. (Outreach)  Attended 6 out of 10 meetings
Garay, R. (Regis)  Attended 10 out of 10 meetings
Pratt, S. (FS Office)  Attended 10 out of 10 meetings

Respectfully submitted by:

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