During the Spring 2010 semester, the Academic Standards Committee met 8 times prior to the submission of this report; 2 more meetings are scheduled. 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, 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.

Peter Kim joined ASC during the Spring 2010 semester representing the Academic Success Center. Part way through the semester he was replaced by Salvador Mora. The two undergraduate seats are again vacant as is the one for Law.

The number of petitions regarding the use of an expired catalog for purposes of graduation seemed to increase. Members of ASC again expressed concern that academic standards would not being maintained if we approved the petitions. Since the GPA requirements are set by programs/colleges, the issue isn't under ASC’s purview. However, ASC members decided decisions would be on a case-by-case basis and the student’s last date of attendance should be taken into consideration. Likelihood of approval diminishes as the number of years since last attendance increases. Additionally, reasons related to “dropping out” and work history will be taken into account.

Another question related to older catalogs is their expiration dates. The university currently uses a 10-year rule. Prior to the 10-year rule, UNLV used an 8-year rule. The question discussed this semester was whether the expiration date is from the beginning or the end of the catalog’s years. For example, does the 2000-2002 catalog expire in 2010 or 2012? After much discussion, it was decided the 10 years should be applied to the final year listed on the catalog (answer to question in previous sentence would then be 2012). This in effect gives some students (those who enter in the early part of a catalog’s dates) a longer time to finish.

A concern was raised by a college-level advisor regarding ASC’s denial of a petition that had been approved at all earlier levels. The concern centered around a claim by the advisor that the student had been improperly advised (that the college’s advising office had made a mistake) several years prior to the filing of the petition. In most cases, such a petition is approved; but ASC members indicated that, since the student had been attending UNLV for several semesters, some responsibility for knowing policy and/or filing petitions in a timely manner fell onto the student. Therefore, the petition was denied. While input from the advising centers is appreciated and sought, that information is “advisory.”

During the Fall 2010 semester, ASC should continue discussing the wording in the university undergraduate catalog regarding reinstatement after university suspension with respect to students eligible to return but not accepted by their previous college. ASC should also examine its composition and voting privileges with changes being
recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval.

Attendance (voting members):
Alpert, P. (Health Sci)      Attended 5 out of 8 meetings
Bao, J. (LA)                Attended 2 out of 8 meetings
Bernatis, B. (FA)           Attended 7 out of 8 meetings
Howard, D. (GSA)            Attended 4 out of 8 meetings
Juneau, Gayle (Adv)         Attended 3 out of 8 meetings
Moores, T. (Bus)            Attended 8 out of 8 meetings
Montgomery, R. (Hotel)      Attended 4 out of 8 meetings
Simon, Adam (Sci)           Attended 1 out of 8 meetings
Shaffer, D. (Urb. Af.)      Attended 5 out of 8 meetings
Spalding, Liz (Educ)        Attended 5 out of 8 meetings
Usnick, Virginia (Chair)    Attended 8 out of 8 meetings
Yfantis, A. (Engin.)        Attended 6 out of 8 meetings
Law                         Attended 0 out of 8 meetings
First Undergrad             Attended 0 out of 8 meetings
Second Undergrad            Attended 0 out of 8 meetings

Attendance (non-voting members):
Davis, D. (Outreach)        Attended 4 out of 8 meetings
Garay, R. (Regis)           Attended 7 out of 8 meetings
Kim/Mora, P./S. (ASC)       Attended 6 out of 8 meetings
Pratt, S. (FS Office)       Attended 6 out of 8 meetings

Respectfully submitted by:

Virginia Usnick, Chair
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