The Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee met seven times during the Fall 2004 semester. Two meetings were canceled due to lack of quorum or business. Most meetings were spent reviewing student petitions. Many of the petitions involved requests to be reinstated into summer 2003 courses. Students are often purged from summer classes due to non-payment of fees but, due to the short sessions, they might not receive notification of the purge until after grades have been posted. The non-payment of fees is sometimes due to problems with disbursement of financial aid, rejected credit cards, or students' lack of knowledge regarding their scholarships. 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. A petition to remove an "I" from a transcript because the student had reregistered for the class led to a discussion concerning the use of the "incomplete" grade. The student claimed to have been told to redo the entire course; however, an "I" is to be awarded only if 75% of the coursework is incomplete.

In addition to student petitions, the Committee heard and supported a request from International Programs to allow non-admitted students who wish to participate in an overseas program to take 18 credits rather than 15. When this change was forwarded to Faculty Senate, the Committee also requested a statement be added to the pages in the catalogs regarding International Programs that on-campus courses (taken by admitted students) might not be accepted as substitutes for courses taken overseas as the experiences might not be considered equivalent.

The Committee also received a request from Dr. Steven Rosenbaum, Dean of the Honors College, requesting a) reinstatement of the grades of W, WF, and WP on students' transcripts and b) the implementation of a coded F for academic dishonesty. The former request was given to the Senate's ad hoc committee on academic integrity, chaired by Phil Burns. The ASC worked on a proposal concerning the reinstatement of the W grade, but declined to include the WF and WP grades. The proposal was approved Dec. 2, 2004 and is being forwarded to the FS Executive Board for inclusion on a Spring 2005 FS agenda.

Attendance (voting members):
Ackerman, R. (Educ)  Attended 5 out of 7 meetings
Alpert, P. (Health Sci)  Attended 4 out of 7 meetings
Cooper, N. (Engin)  Attended 4 out of 7 meetings
Hoshizaki, D. (Sci)  Attended 5 out of 7 meetings
Jelen, T. (Lib Arts)  Attended 1 out of 1 meeting (RESIGNED)
Larson, G. (Urb Aff)  Attended 2 out of 2 meetings (RESIGNED)
Pfister, L. (Grad St.)  Attended 3 out of 5 meetings
Stahura, K. (Hotel)  Attended 4 out of 6 meetings

Attendance (non-voting members):
Kelly, D. (FS)  Attended 4 out of 7 meetings (available for other 3)
Marlow, P. (Outrch)  Attended 4 out of 7 meetings
Marwah, R. (Univ Col)  Attended 2 out of 7 meetings
Zozaya, P. (Stud Enrol)  Attended 4 out of 7 meetings

Respectfully submitted by:
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