SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS
2006-07 Organizational Meeting
April 27, 2006

Present:  Dave Bledsoe  Lannette Brown  David Cheshier  Carol Cohen
Sue Fagan  Laura Fredrick  May Gebhardt  Steven Harper
Jan Hudgins  Olga Jarrett  Jennifer Johnson  Guy Leach
Adam Lyons  Siva Jarrett  Cherise Peters  John Rieken
George Rainbolt  Marti Singer  Becca Stout  Liz Throop
Tim Woltering  Elizabeth West

The minutes of the April 4, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

Election of Chair for 2006-2007
George Rainbolt was unanimously re-elected chair of the 2006-07 Admissions and Standards committee.

Discussion of Hardship Withdrawals
Rebecca Stout led the discussion on Hardship Withdrawals. Effective fall 2006, students may no longer withdraw from courses as many times as they want, but will be limited to six withdrawals excluding military, administrative and hardship withdrawals. Hardship withdrawals may be granted to students who experience non-academic emergencies beyond the mid-point of the semester which interfere or prevent the completion of their coursework.

With the new withdrawal policy, it is anticipated that some students might request a hardship withdrawal prior to the midpoint. This conflicts with the existing hardship withdrawal policy. The expectation is for an increase in the number of appeals heard by the Hardship Appeals Committee for an exception to a Hardship withdrawal prior to the midpoint because of the new withdrawal policy. Becca stated it was difficult to know what impact the new policy would have on the number of appeals, but would like to be ready.

A separate hardship withdrawal subcommittee was formed to review the current policy examining the entire policy and procedures. This subcommittee will consist of the current members plus advising representatives and anyone who would like an input and or has issues related to the current policy. Becca also stated that issues or prospective on the hardship process could be forwarded to her via email. The subcommittee will begin work this summer, to make sure the policy is ready for the fall semester.

Subcommittees
A sign-up sheet was available for committee members to volunteer to serve on standing subcommittees. George Rainbolt briefly gave a summary of each subcommittee’s charge.

A. Enrollment Management Committee (EMC) sets admission requirements, subject to the constraint that they be at or above Senate-specified minima.
B. Admissions Appeals Committee reviews the appeals of student’s denied admission.
C. Upper-Division Admissions Committee reviews proposals to change the requirements to enter upper-division undergraduate courses (such as GPA restrictions).

D. Special Talents Committee reviews the applications of students who do not meet our regular admission requirements but are recommended by a unit of the University (mostly athletes and artists).

E. Petition subcommittee reviews petitions to deviate from University academic regulations and graduation requirements.

F. Retention Subcommittee – Retention efforts, expected to be active advising Provost this year because of funding received from Board of Regents.

G. Hardship Withdrawal Committee – Currently, review appeals for hardship withdrawals, may need to expand due to change in withdrawal policy.

H. Ad hoc subcommittees formed all the time.

Volunteers are solicited to serve on any of the subcommittees, the criteria for serving is if you want to be on the subcommittee, you are on it.

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