COMMITTEE: Admission and Retention Policies Committee
MEETING DATE: Monday, January 14, 2013
PERSON PRESIDING: David Durant
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Duffy, Scott Curtis, Katie Walsh, Mary Nyangweso, Jonathan Morris
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Given, Amy Frank, John Fletcher
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Review curriculum plans and programs that may prevent students from earning degrees with distinction because of the relatively few hours required for completion of the plan at ECU

Discussion: Discussion centered on a unified response and proposal that could be presented to the February faculty senate meeting. The committee was reminded that the honors distinction appears on the student’s transcript and diploma if the student earned a certain GPA after completing at ECU at least half of the minimum number of hours for a degree. It was noted that there have been fewer complaints about this policy recently due to improved communication to the students. Only a few programs would preclude a student from earning a degree with distinction. There was some discussion as to how many hours (or percentage of hours) at ECU is appropriate for bestowing a degree with distinction. There was a sentiment among the committee that the faculty senate would not approve a reduction in the number of hours, as it would be seen as a lowering of standards. Finally, there was a suggestion to look at the policies of sister/peer institutions and report back at the next committee meeting. This will allow for a decision prior to the February faculty senate meeting.

Action Taken: Committee members present were given two peer institutions (or similar universities in the UNC system) to research alternative undergraduate degree distinction policies. Members were asked to come to the next committee meeting with their findings.

Assigned Additional Duties To:

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Agenda Item: Presentation on university retention and admission data by Jayne Geissler

Discussion: Jayne was unable to attend due to work related responsibilities

Actions Taken: Presentation moved to next meeting.

Additional Duties Assigned To:

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Agenda Item: Plus/minus grading system

Discussion: The committee was curious about the implementation of the policy for Fall 2012.

Actions Taken: John Fletcher agreed to run a program that will output the percentage of courses that did not included any + or – grades and report back to the committee next month.

Additional Duties Assigned To:

Adjourned: 4:50pm