COMMITTEE: Admission and Retention Policies Committee
MEETING DATE: Monday, December 5, 2011
PERSON PRESIDING: David Durant
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Frank, Patrice Morris, Allison Danell, and Mary Nyangweso
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike McCammon, Jayne Geissler, and John Fletcher

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Review of the “+/-” grading system

Discussion: The committee was asked to review Resolution #07-03, which was passed by the Faculty Senate in 2007 and will be implemented Fall, 2012. The committee discussed the metrics for assigning grades and reviewed the revisions of the relevant sections of the undergraduate catalog. No concerns were raised.

Actions Taken: None

Assigned Additional Duties To: No one

Agenda Item: Review of the Degree with Distinction policy

Discussion: The committee was asked to review the policy governing how students earn degrees with distinction. The current policy was described by Jayne Geissler and John Fletcher. They also provided scenarios in which students may not earn degrees with distinction. The policy as it stands is supported by the committee.

Actions Taken: None

Assigned Additional Duties To: No one

Agenda Item: Generating a policy to drop absent students from classes

Discussion: An informal suggestion was made at a recent faculty senate meeting to generate a policy that would allow the university to drop students who do not attend the first day of classes or who do not attend classes routinely. The committee discussed many options for how this policy could be written. However, implementation of such a policy is not practical and could cause a cascade of complicating issues if the policy were not applied consistently.

Actions Taken: None
Assigned Additional Duties To: No one

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Next meeting date: Monday, January 23, at 4:00 in 142 Rawl Annex

Items to be discussed:

- Nontraditional Students Admission Policy (Discussion led by Amy Frank, and Angela Anderson and Anthony Britt will be invited to participate in the discussion)

Agenda items to be discussed at future meetings:

- Update from Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities on development of web-based tools for turning academic integrity violations into teaching opportunities (tentatively scheduled for Feb. meeting)
- Generating a new grade, such as FA, indicating failure due to absence (tentatively scheduled for Mar. meeting)

Adjourned: 5:00