STUDENT ACADEMIC APPELLATE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2001

Members Present: Tom Durham (chair), Amy Frank, Jan Lewis, Janice Neil, Doug Schneider, Jonathan Wacker, George Williams, Linda Wolfe

Members Absent: Pat Dunn, Frances Eason, Heather Lewis

Guests: Lori Lee (Faculty Senate), Dorothy Muller (Dean, Undergraduate Studies)

Chair Tom Durham called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The minutes of the September 5 meeting were accepted as posted.

Durham introduced Dr. Dorothy Muller, Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Dr. Muller reviewed several university policies and procedures relevant to the committee’s charge. Because the committee was preparing to review a number of appeals of denials of requests for exemptions from the grade replacement policy, much of the discussion focused on this policy. The majority of grade replacement requests are from students who missed the deadline for requesting grade replacement. The deadline is very early in the semester, to prevent “shopping” by students. Dr. Muller noted that the current grade replacement policy is very restrictive in this regard and that the committee might want to recommend some changes. Other common requests are from students who want to use more than the allowed number of grade replacements, who want to grade replace with a class taken at another institution, or who want to replace a grade after they have taken a course for which the earlier course was a prerequisite. None of these requests have ever been approved. Dr. Muller stated that students who want to appeal from a decision made by Undergraduate Studies are asked to complete a form. The forms will be referred to the committee in a timely fashion. She requested that the committee inform her office of actions taken on these appeals.

The committee then considered student appeals. The committee denied one course drop appeal and fourteen grade replacement appeals. The committee granted one grade replacement appeal and requested additional records from the student in another grade replacement appeal.

Durham announced that Rosie Thompson, Director of Compliance for Athletics, will attend the November meeting to discuss athletic appeals policies. Committee members will need to review NCAA rules before this meeting. Angela Anderson, Registrar, will attend the December meeting to discuss readmission appeals policies.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lewis, Secretary