STUDENT ACADEMIC APPELATE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2001

Members Present: Tom Durham (chair), Pat Dunn, Frances Eason, Amy Frank, Heather Lewis, Jan Lewis, Janice Neil, Doug Schneider, Jonathan Wacker, George Williams

Members Absent: Linda Wolfe

Guests: Maryann Jenkins (Assistant Director, Student Financial Aid), Dorothy Muller (Dean, Undergraduate Studies)

Chair Tom Durham called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The minutes of the October 3, 2001 were accepted as corrected.

Durham recognized Dr. Dorothy Muller, who alerted the committee to the possibility that the Student Government Association might request a change to the grade replacement policy, namely to allow replacement of Cs. The current policy is to allow grade replacement of one C by exception only. Exceptions are most commonly made for students who would not otherwise meet admission requirements for specific programs. She explained the rationale for the current policy.

Durham announced a change in the meeting agenda. Since there are no athletic grant-in-aid appeals pending, the discussion with Rosie Thompson was removed from the agenda. She will meet with the committee at a later date.

Durham introduced Maryann Jenkins, who explained the regulations governing relevant federal student financial aid programs. The U.S. Department of Education mandates that ECU have a Satisfactory Academic Progress policy for financial aid applicants. The policy has a qualitative component, a quantitative measure and a time limitation. The committee then heard an appeal in a case involving the Student Financial Aid Office’s denial of a student’s request for an exception to the policy. The Committee voted to deny the appeal.

The Committee set two dates for hearing readmission appeals: January 2, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. and January 4, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. These hearings will be conducted at Ragsdale 218A.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lewis, Secretary