STUDENT ACADEMIC APPEAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 4, 2002

Members Present:  Tom Durham (chair), Bruce Albright, Matthew Hassey, Elizabeth Layman, Jan Lewis, Janice Neil, Michael Schinasi, George Williams

Members Absent: Frances Eason, Iona Poston, Jonathan Wacker, Linda Wolfe

Guests: Lori Lee, Bob Morrison, Dorothy Muller

Faculty Senate Chair Bob Morrison called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. After those present introduced themselves, Dr. Morrison reviewed the committee’s accomplishments during the preceding year. He mentioned that the NCAA review committee had expressed some concerns about athletic appeals. He will investigate further and contact Dr. Durham concerning a possible change in jurisdiction over athletic scholarship appeals. Committee members agreed that the combined appellate committee had functioned well during its first year.

The committee then elected officers for the 2002-2003 term. Tom Durham was elected chair; George Williams was elected vice-chair; and Jan Lewis was elected secretary. Dr. Durham presided over a discussion of business carried over from last year. Dr. Muller reported that the committee’s recommended change to the grade replacement policy will be considered by the Faculty Senate Committee on Admission & Retention Policies at a called meeting in September. She wrote all the students who have pending grade replacement appeals to inform them that the policy is under review and that if the recommended change is adopted, they will receive the grade replacements they have requested. Dr. Durham reported that he drafted a letter to the Chair of the Math Department, as directed by the committee at its last meeting. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed requesting that Dr. Morrison have an informal conversation with the Chair, in lieu of sending the letter.

The committee discussed its goals and objectives for the academic year. The primary goal is to hear and act upon appeals that are brought before the committee in a timely manner. The committee decided to continue having two readmission appeals meetings in December/January and August. Dr. Durham will ask the Registrar to review the rules governing academic probation, suspension and readmission at the committee’s November meeting.

The committee’s regular meeting time will be the first Wednesday of the month, at 3:00 p.m. in Rawl Annex Building, Room 142.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lewis, Secretary