STUDENT ACADEMIC APPELATE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 27, 2003

Members Present: Tom Durham (chair), Bruce Albright, Elizabeth Layman, Jan Lewis, Janice Neil, Jonathan Wacker, George Williams

Members Absent: Frances Eason, Matthew Hassey, Mark L’Esperance, Iona Poston, Michael Schinasi

Guests: Angela Anderson, Dorothy Muller, Vic Aeby (incoming committee member)

The committee considered an appeal from a student who was denied admission as a transfer student. The student had been at ECU, then transferred to another school for three semesters. She now wants to return to ECU, but lacks the minimum number of quality points at the second institution. The committee denied her request to transfer, but recommended that she be told to retroactively complete a “petition to take courses off-campus” and be given an exception to allow her to be considered a “visitor” at the second institution for the three semesters.

At the request of the chair and Dr. Muller, the committee reconsidered four appeals that were denied at the August 11 meeting. In light of new evidence presented, the committee granted two appeals. No action was required in one case, since the student was eligible for readmission after finishing an Incomplete. The fourth student will be told he still needs to finish his Incompletes.

The committee then heard 42 readmission appeals. It denied 33 appeals and granted five appeals. In two of the denials, the students will be advised to investigate possible grade replacements, which if done would make them automatically eligible for readmission. No action was required in four appeals, as the students were eligible for readmission. Next, the committee denied a request to replace a grade in one course with a grade received in a different course. The committee also denied a request by a History major to use a History course to satisfy a General Education requirement, a request for HIMA and PSYC courses to count for the General Education humanities requirement, and a request for an extension by a student who failed to complete an Incomplete before it expired. The committee denied two requests for retroactive withdrawal, one request for retroactive drops, a request to allow transfer credits from a student who did not meet the GPA requirement for allowing transfer of such credits, and a request for graduation with distinction honors by a student who failed to meet the requirements for such. The committee granted requests for retroactive withdrawal from two students who were called up for active military duty. It also granted a student’s request for retroactive withdrawal, conditioned on his repayment of his financial aid loan for the semester in question.

The committee heard an appeal from a student who was dismissed from the athletic training program. It voted to deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the program. Finally, the committee considered an appeal from the Athletic Department’s decision not to renew an athlete’s grant-in-aid for the 2003-2004 academic year. The parties involved in this appeal appeared before the committee at its August 11 meeting, but a decision was deferred until the August 27 meeting so that committee members could review written documentation. After discussion, the committee voted to deny the appeal. Dr. Durham will draft a letter to Dr. David A. Dosser, Jr., the Faculty Senate’s liaison to the Athletic Department.

Dr. Durham thanked outgoing committee members George Williams and Jonathan Wacker for their service.

The committee’s organizational meeting for the 2003-2004 academic year will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. in 142 Rawn Annex.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lewis, Secretary