STUDENT ACADEMIC APPELLATE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 3, 2003

Members Present: Victor Aeby, George Bailey, Tom Durham, Elizabeth Layman, Greg Lapicki, Jan Lewis, Janice Neil, Mario Rey, Ralph Scott

Members Absent: Ian Baer, Michael Schinasi

Guests: Amy Bissette, Lori Lee, Rick Niswander

Faculty Senate Chair Rick Niswander called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. After thanking last year’s committee members for their service, Dr. Niswander called for nominations for officers for the 2003-2004 term. Tom Durham was reelected chair; Janice Neil was elected vice-chair; and Jan Lewis was reelected secretary.

The committee will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in Rawl Annex Building, Room 142. In addition to these regular meetings, the committee will meet on Monday, January 5, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. to consider readmission appeals. Members were also notified that the committee will meet one or two times in August to consider readmission appeals and any other matters that may arise over the summer.

Dr. Durham presided over a discussion of business carried over from last year. He noted that he has spoken at length with Dr. David A. Dosser, Jr., concerning matters related to the athletic grant-in-aid appeal that the committee ruled on at its August 27 meeting. Dr. Dosser is aware of the committee’s concerns and has already taken steps to act on them. He will keep Dr. Durham informed as to their resolution. In light of these developments, the committee decided that a written letter to Dr. Dosser was not necessary.

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. Dr. Durham noted that there may be changes in how certain types of appeals are brought to the committee, due to recent organizational changes in university administration. He will meet with Dr. Henry Peel and Angela Anderson to discuss the impact of these changes on the committee’s operations. He will also ask the Registrar’s office to review the rules governing academic probation, suspension and readmission at the committee’s December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lewis, Secretary