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Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes September 26, 2006

In Attendance: Sharon Carnahan (Chair), Carolyn Carpan, Dana Hargrove, Jay Yellen, Hoyt Edge, Thom Moore, Ben Balak, Marie Shafe, Nick Reynolds (Student Government Representative), Elise Letanosky (Student Government Representative)

1. The minutes from the September 12, 2006 meeting were approved.

2. Old Business

- a) We discussed the CLEP credit request and college policy. Hoyt Edge reported that the transfer credit policies of other schools don't specifically mention CLEP except to limit the amount of transfer credits from standard examinations, including AP, IB, and CLEP. We discussed whether we thought CLEP should fulfill General Education requirements. Sharon Carnahan proposed we accept the English Composition CLEP but not the others. Thom Moore suggested we deal with CLEP on a case by case basis. Marie Shafe moved to accept the English Composition CLEP for General Education requirements as college policy, no to the other CLEP exams for the current cases on the table. The Academic Affairs Committee voted for Marie's resolution.
- b) We reviewed the response from Barry Levis regarding the Honors Program proposal. Sharon Carnahan will schedule a time for Barry Levis and members of the Honors Program committee to meet with AAC.

3. Committee Reports

The Academic Appeals committee reported they met to review appeals. Jay Yellen reported for the New Course committee that he is working on guidelines for off-campus or field study credits. Questions include: How many contact hours per credit? What do we mean by contact hours? How do we count work hours? Jay Yellen will present draft guidelines to AAC for review at a future meeting.

4. New Business

- a) We briefly discussed the Critical Media and Cultural Studies major proposal. Thom Moore asked what was the position of the administration on adding 50 students. Hoyt Edge stated there is no official position, but Admissions would need a directive to find a certain number of new students. Marie Shafe suggested an argument could be made for the major based on global citizenship focus of the college. Sharon Carnahan will invite Lisa Tillmann to meet with Academic Affairs at a later meeting. We will continue to discuss this issue at the next meeting, in preparation for a meeting with Lisa Tillmann.

The next AAC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3 at 8:15 am in the Warden Dining Room.

Carolyn Carpan,
Secretary