ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 7, 2014 - 107 LAB. OF MECHANICS

Call to Order 2:10
Attendance: Tim Bigelow, Chair; Robert Martin, CALS; Dan Naegele, Design; Kathleen Wagner, LAS; Sarah Ryan, Engr.; Brad Skaar, OA; Doug Jacobson, FSCC; Frank Peters, ASAC; Anthony Behnke, GSB; Dave Holger, SVPP

Approval of Minutes of 6 May 2014. Motion from Martin, second from Behnke. Passed unanimously. (September minutes not available.)

General Announcements:
Update on financial responsibility training for students, Wagoner.
Financial Training for Students is being developed by the Financial Aid Office, headed by Roberta Johnson. The FAO is meeting with incoming freshman and educating on the payments that need to be made for loans. They are making one on one counseling basis to students. Skaar reported that HDFS 183 is also being developed for financial literacy, possibly moving it towards a requirement such as LIB 160.

Congestion at Online Testing Centers, Holger.
An ad hoc committee is looking mechanisms to reduce congestion, particularly for the 10 AM to 3PM periods. Potential solutions: restricting use of testing center for small classes, more restrictive time slots, scheduled time slots for particular courses, preferential exam times for courses.

Committee Reports:
Academic Standards and Admissions Committee – Peters: no report.
Outcomes Assessment Committee – Skaar: no report.
Government of the Student Body (GSB) – Behnke
Goals of GSB: a) What can be done to maintain small class atmosphere? b) Need for more testing centers. Holger reported that new testing center will be open this Fall and potentially more in the future. c) Reach out freshman to see if MapWorks is being fully utilized. d) Grow SI program for 300 level courses. e) Increase wages for tutors to increase availability. f) Creating vocabulary list of academic terms (tenure, lecturer, associate professor, …). Send Behnke list of items you think should be included. g) Mechanism for creating study group matching service. Discussion said that this could be facilitated within BlackBoard or via GoogleDocs.

New Business:
Impact of Tier Study on Academics at ISU
Question from Bigelow was the impact of this study on academics. Current items on the list are not directly related to academics; however, the IT recommendations could be potentially damaging to quality of how we deliver academics. Need to continue to consider the content and other impacts on academics.

Adjournment at 2:59.