I. General Business
   a. Select Secretary: John Maves
   b. Approve Minutes of September 20, send to Suzanne Hendricks, Ken Kruempel, Sherry Angstrom
   c. Announcements, reports, and good of the order, if any

II. Old Business:
   a. LAS Special GPA requests (Song Y. Sung)
   b. Graduation honors (Zunkel)
   c. Wording for the new ASAC procedure (Peters)
   d. Other

III. New Business:
   a. College of Human Sciences Special GPA requests (Abelson)
   b. Question re GPA for Lat Am/all certificates (Courteau)
   c. Non-designated repeats (Kathleen Jones)
   d. Other

Statement of the issue:
The designated repeat policy (below) clearly indicates that when a student passes a course and then repeats it with a grade of F, the credit earned on the initial attempt is lost. There is nothing specified in the policy related to non-designated repeats for which the first grade is passing and the second is an F. Under long-standing practice (not policy) students have been allowed to keep the credit earned on the first attempt for non-designated repeats only.

With the implementation of a new degree audit system, the practice of allowing some students to retain earned credit following a repeat with an F grade (non-designated repeats) but not allowing other students to retain the prior earned credit (designated repeats) has become an issue. Differential treatment of F's earned in repeated courses (when the first grade was passing) is problematic from a calculation standpoint, and loss of the initial credits in some cases but not others can be confusing for students and advisers.

The Office of the Registrar therefore recommended to the DARS Steering Committee on July 20, 2006, that the rules for calculation of credits earned when a student passes and then fails a course be the same. (This recommendation was presented with the understanding that individual
appeals to use the first grade earned in this situation may be granted with approval of the college dean.) The DARS Steering Committee agreed with this recommendation.

In subsequent announcements of this change to college student services staff, it was recommended that the Office of the Registrar seek the endorsement of the Faculty Senate Academic Standards and Admissions Committee for this change in practice, and I therefore seek your endorsement. No policy updates are required to implement this recommendation.

Definitions:
Designated repeat
From the catalog: "The most recent grade for a course a student repeats will be used in computing the student's cumulative grade point average rather than the previous grade(s), up to a limit of 15 credits. (This could result in a lowered grade point average if the second grade is lower than the first, or even loss of credit if the grade is lowered to an F.) All grades will remain on the student's record."

Non-designated repeat
From the catalog: "Beyond 15 credits of repeats, both grades will be included in computing the cumulative grade point average." Thus, a non-designated repeat is any course repeat that is beyond the 15 credit limit specified in the designated repeat policy (above). For a non-designated repeat, both the first and the second grade are calculated in the cumulative grade point average.

Kathy Jones