No action on special GPA Requirements.

Academic Standards and Admissions Committee

Minutes: March 5, 2007

Preliminaries

1. The meeting was called to order by Joanna Courteau, Chair.

2. Attendance:
   Geoff Abelson (Human Science)  Robert Bergmann (Institutional Research)
   Nancy Bourny (Ag)  Phil Caffrey (Admissions)
   Joanna Courteau (Chair)  Carmen Flagge (Multicultural Student Affairs)
   Kathy Jones (Registrar)  Stephen Kim (Business)
   Ken Kruempel (Curriculum Committee)  John Maves (Design)
   Matthew Moscou (BCB-Graduate Senate)  Frank Peters (Engr)
   Sung Yell Song (LAS)

3. Motion by Abelson second by Kim to accept 12/1/6 minutes with minor editorial changes. Passed.

4. Motion by Abelson second by Kim to accept 2/2/7 minutes. Passed.

5. Courteau scheduled the next meetings for 3/26/7 and 4/9/7.

Reports and Announcements

1. Reports from Academic Council Meetings: Reports by Abelson, Maves, Kim, Courteau
   - Religious Observation Policy: Discussion is continuing on the Religious Observation Policy that was brought forward by a student senator. This issue is already addressed in current policies, and it was felt that this may be sufficient.
   - College of Business Ph.D. program is moving forward

2. New Admission Requirements: Caffrey reported that a mailing to all Iowa school districts was sent advising of the new RAI admissions requirement.

Old Business

1. Rewriting of Iowa Code: Caffrey reported that the subcommittee (Caffrey, Moscou, Peters, Zunkel) have rewritten the section of the Iowa Code that deals with ISU undergraduate admissions, which was presented to the committee. The goal was to minimize the wording so the document would not become dated, and since the information is contained in other documents. The Graduate and Vet Med Colleges have been asked to also rewrite their sections. The college reps are to seek approval for the changes for the 4/9/7 meeting. Kruempel was to see if the ISU section of code was needed at all.
2. **Admission Decisions for those with RAI < minimum**: Caffrey presented a proposal for handling admission decisions for those students who have an RAI score less than the Regent’s minimum. In the first 2 years, the University is not going to have reliable data with respect to the RAI score on how students will perform. Admissions is proposing that their personnel use their professional judgment for such admission decisions. As a reference point, it is noted that approximately 10% of the students currently admitted are in the lower half of their high school class, and a similar number would have an RAI score of less than 245. It also must be noted, that current RAI scores will not be reflective of future scores since incoming students will take measures to increase their scores. Abelson expressed a very sincere concern that efforts should be made for students in certain groups, such as lower socio-economic status and ethnicity, so that they be fairly considered. He and others noted that students such as these may have higher ability than is reflected by their RAI. Peters asked that the Admissions personnel meet with interested colleges that may have a concern about the ability of students with RAI < 245 to persist so that agreeable admissions procedures for students entering those colleges can be formulated. Caffrey noted that this would be reasonable. In a motion by Maves and seconded by Moscou the committed approved that the college reps are to seek approval for the changes for the 4/9/7 meeting.

**New Business**

1. None.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Peters