

Minutes

ACADEMIC STANDARDS & EVENTS COMMITTEE 18th Meeting, April 6, 1984

Present: Peter von Ostwalden, Chairman; Braden, Duff, Earnhart, Guzell, McGraw, Munro, Rost

Guest: Dr. Allen Viehmeyer, Chairman
University Curriculum Division

OLD BUSINESS

1. Correction of the Minutes of March 30, 1984:

--Under New Business, 1.a., the last sentence was changed to read "only those in which there is uncertainty regarding academic classification will come under the jurisdiction of the A.S.&E. Committee."

--Under 1.b., the motion will be submitted to the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

2. Chairman's Announcements

- a. Our motion regarding the A,B,C/NC grading system for the English Composition courses passed unanimously at the Academic Senate meeting of April 4, 1984.
- b. At the same Senate meeting, a motion was made to recall our "Minimum Graduation Requirements" Proposal after it had been tabled on March 7. No vote was taken for lack of a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the Audit Procedure

- a) The discussion, concerning abuse of the audit (AU) grade, was initiated by Dr. Guzell. He would like to propose a motion with the objective of preventing the grade of AU from being recorded on the student transcript. The discussion was centered around the fact that the legitimate audit student, that is the student who attends the audited class regularly, is very rare. Therefore, a proposal to keep the grade of AU from appearing on the transcript will not legislate against the presumed actual purpose of the AU option. Further refinement of the proposal may be necessary to prevent the legitimate audit student from being penalized.
- b) The two main concerns in regard to the current audit grading system are 1) students changing the grade option from a traditional letter grade or credit/no credit to audit after the first week of the quarter, and 2) students never attending a class meeting, or attending only one or two. A measure to prevent the grade of AU from appearing on the transcript would control this abuse and serve to protect the academic integrity of the transcript.
- c) Credit earned for an audited course is not included in the Ohio Board of Regents Student Credit Hour (SCH) Count so this count would not be affected in any way.
- d) In addition to deleting the grade of AU from the transcript, Guzell would also request a deletion of the paragraph "Audit (AU)" on page 50 of the current YSU Bulletin.

2. Courses Which Satisfy Area Requirements

- a. Dr. Viehmeyer reports that the University Curriculum Division has been facing difficulties in determining whether or not certain courses will meet area requirements. He gave as an example several ^{proposed} Speech Communication & Theatre courses which could not be exclusively defined as either history or appreciation courses necessary to fulfill the Humanities requirement.
One suggestion was that the A.S. & E. Committee meet with the Curriculum Committee as needed in order to evaluate and make final judgement upon any courses which are causing controversy.
- b. The Committee also discussed the advantages of recommending to the deans and college curriculum committees that they provide a formal listing of all courses offered within their school or college, by department. They could then further specify in the list which courses satisfy area requirements and which do not. This list would then be approved and distributed to administrators, deans, chairpersons and faculty.
- c. The topic "Courses Which Satisfy Area Requirements" will again be raised for discussion at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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