

MINUTES FROM
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 9, 1981

Present: Dr. Baldino Dr. Munro
Dr. Dunsing Dr. Scriven
Dr. Hahn* Prof. Simmons
Dr. Lateef
*Chairman for this meeting.

Guests: Mr. Ray Nakley, President of Student Council (Audit Policy)

Previous
Minutes:

On the second page #9 was added to the minutes. This reads:
"Some of the more important items discussed were: a) It was suggested that two natural science courses be required. b) Why Physical Geography was eliminated as a science requirement. c) Areas such as Engineering would be required to have additional hours in general area requirements under this proposal. Dr. Dunsing moved and Dr. Baldino seconded to approve the amended minutes of June 2, 1981. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Proposal for
B.F.A. in
Musical
Theatre:

In regard to the proposal for the B.F.A. in Musical Theatre submitted on April 24, 1981 and discussed two weeks ago by this committee the following discussion took place:

- 1) It was pointed out that endorsement letters for this proposal were sent by Mr. Byo, Dean McGraw and Dr. O'Neill (all affiliated with the College of Fine & Performing Arts).
- 2) It was also pointed out that the last page of this proposal concerning admission, retention and guidance is an in house matter and is not something that this committee should deal with.
- 3) Dr. Baldino moved to approve this proposal for a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre and submit it to the Senate. Dr. Dunsing seconded this and the vote for approval was unanimous.

Majors &
Minors:

In regard to the proposal from Dr. Gillis concerning a change in the majors and minors policy an additional discussion took place:

- 1) When it was questioned if this proposal was a statement of a change in policy, it was then pointed out that Dr. Gillis drew up his proposal as a point of discussion.
- 2) It was pointed out that putting a cap on the total number of hours required for a degree does not necessarily mean a cap on the number of hours required for the major.
- 3) It was pointed out that many universities allow each school to decide what is required for their degree. It was then stated that this proposal is heading away from this type of procedure.

- 4) It was stressed that many aspects of this proposal allow for exceptions even if it were implemented. For example, the maximum number of hours required for a degree can be changed under special circumstances and the fact that a grade lower than a 'C' can be waived by the dean of that school.
- 5) It was agreed that Dr. Gillis should be asked to go over this proposal with this committee when it reassembles in the fall. Discussion on this proposal was then postponed until that time.

**Audit
Policy:**

In regard to the Audit Policy submitted by Dr. Baldino and discussed at the last Senate meeting, Mr. Ray Nakley (President of Student Government) was present to discuss his objections to it. At that time Mr. Nakley submitted a student proposal for a new Audit Policy. He also submitted a proposal from Karen Lewandowski (Academic Senate Rep. at Large). At that time the following discussion took place:

- 1) Mr. Nakley pointed out that he disagrees with the fact that with the new Audit Policy a student will not be able to change from credit to audit status.
- 2) Mr. Nakley expressed his concerns for the honest students who would sincerely want to change from credit to audit status for a good reason. He pointed out that this policy would be hurting this type of student.
- 3) It was pointed out that students taking courses on audit basis pay the same amount of tuition as a students taking courses on a credit basis and therefore should be entitled to the same benefits, however no state subsidy is allotted for audit hrs.
- 4) There was considerable discussion on the fact that an auditor can take up the place of a person (creditor) who needs that class in order to graduate or for some other important reason (Eg. needs the class because only offered once a year). It was then pointed out that creditors should be given priority when registering for a class and if there is spaces available after all creditors have registered then auditors will be able to register.
- 5) It was pointed out that in Karen's proposal, where it suggests that a student should receive a 'NE' if he/she fails to meet minimal requirements it is not fair. A student who takes a course on a credit option does not get an 'NE' if he/she fails to meet minimal requirements.
- 6) Mr. Nakley pointed out that he read this proposal to at least a dozen students and received negative feedback.
- 7) It was then restated that the main part of this proposal that Mr. Nakley disagrees with is when an auditor can assume that status.

It was suggested by Mr. Nakely to further look into this Audit Policy and try to come up with any possible solutions. This matter will also be further discussed in the fall.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.