

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 20, 1991

Members Present: J. Aboul-Ela, J. Umble (for J. Edwards), M. Loud, T. Marraffa, J. Pusch, J. Reid, R. McEwing, & J. Kohut (for J. Yemma)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

First the committee heard from guest speaker Genevra Mann, Academic Advisor in the College of Arts & Sciences, who spoke about the problem of the large number of students listed as Undetermined. According to her most recent figures there are some 2400 students listed as Undetermined in A&S. As of Fall 1990 there were 762 such students with more than 48 hours completed and 251 with over 90 hours completed. This is a problem on practical grounds since it places a real burden on the A&S advisors at Registration time. It is also a moral problem, since many students with only marginal grade point averages go on for years accumulating credits while on undetermined status without every declaring a major. Many of these people may be incapable of meeting the requirements of any major in A&S yet, after they have been allowed to hang on for so many years taking lower division classes and amassing hours, we are morally obligated to see that they get a degree. Ms Mann feels that we need a regulation to provide that students must declare a major after a certain number of hours or else withdraw from the university until they decide what to do with themselves. Some objections were raised by the representatives from Business and Education to the proposed restriction. No conclusion about what to do was reached at the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the proposed Dean's List revision. Before any conclusion was reached the quorum was lost since some faculty, including the transcriber of these minutes, had an 11:00 class. Nothing was said about any further meetings for this quarter.

Respectfully submitted

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cc: Committee Members
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V. Phillips
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