

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 10, 1978

3:00 p.m.

Present: Curry, Edgar, Hill, Khawaja, Koug1, Quinby, Richley, Scriven, Shuster, Skarote, Vogel

Actions: Minutes of the last meeting were moved for approval by Dr. Scriven and seconded by Dr. Khawaja. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Recalculation of grade point average

Dr. Scriven presented the committee with a revised proposal for recalculation of grade point average dated April 7, 1978.

The committee questioned the purpose of the second paragraph of the proposal.

Dr. Scriven stated that if a student takes undergraduate courses after graduation whether for a second degree or for any reason then he is considered a post baccalaureate student and is allowed to petition for recalculation on those courses taken after completion of his first degree. Any courses taken prior to his first degree cannot be petitioned after graduation.

The committee discussed the phrase, "current student."

It was suggested that current means currently enrolled.

The committee discussed the purpose of recalculation. They were reminded by Mr. Curry that it is for the benefit of the student. The opinion was expressed that motivation for recalculation by honors students was being exaggerated and that the motivation comes more from students wishing to enter a graduate or professional school.

It was the expression of a majority of the committee that the last grade should be considered for recalculation instead of the highest grade and that a course should be considered for recalculation if the student received a grade of C or lower.

The committee discussed whether to send forward the material that has been changed for consideration by Dean Paraska since he originally proposed the revision. It was suggested that since recalculation of the grade point average is a university-wide proposal any revisions made by the Academic Affairs Committee were their responsibility. Sending the revisions to Dean Paraska would be a matter of courtesy. It was agreed that if the proposal was approved by the committee they would forward it to the Senate.

After discussion, the first paragraph of Dr. Scriven's "Proposed Recalculation of Grade Point Average" was revised to read as follows:

A current undergraduate student may petition the dean of his school for a recalculation of his grade point average when he has legitimately repeated a course once and earned a higher grade in a course in which he previously received a grade of C or lower. If a student has received permission from his dean to repeat a course more than once and earns a higher grade, then all previous grades in that course

will, upon an approved petition, be deducted from the calculation of the grade point average and only the last grade will be used in computation of the grade point average. In the case of the latter, the hours credited toward a degree will be those earned with the last grade. Although this policy provides for the recalculation of the grade point average, the student's permanent record will include all grades earned.

(The second paragraph remains unchanged.)

2. General Course Requirements

Dr. Khawaja presented the committee with a proposal dated February 9, 1978 which proposed the refinement of the rationale for general course requirements. Dr. Khawaja suggested that the matter was not of immediate priority but that he felt the committee should consider it. It was suggested that general course requirements were becoming more of an issue when courses are being considered for substitution of the general course requirements and the intent of such requirements is not clear.

Dr. Richley stated that the discussion of general requirements suggested another point, that of twenty-one hours being required for a minor. With the present quarter hour system, the student is often required to take a four hour course for one hour of requirement. It was suggested that the twenty-one hour requirement was a carry-over from the semester system.

3. Labor Studies Program

It was suggested that the committee try to come to closure on the Labor Studies Program in two weeks.

4. Continuing Education Unit

It was suggested that the committee make a positive effort to acquire revised proposals from Dr. Loch before making a decision.