

Minutes

ACADEMIC STANDARDS & EVENTS COMMITTEE

16th meeting, March 14, 1984

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

Guests: Dr. Allen Viehmeyer, Chairman, Curriculum Division  
Dr. Barbara Brothers, Chairman, English Department

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes of February, 1984

A few corrections to the minutes of February 22 will be forthcoming in the minutes of the next meeting.

2. Chairman's Announcements

- a. The YSU Academic Senate voted 51 to 16 to table our "Proposed Minimum General Requirements for the Baccalaureate Degree at YSU."
- b. Dr. Larry Cummings (Criminal Justice Department) and Dr. Bradley West (Asst. Dean, School of Education) contacted von Ostwalden with requests to present projects to the committee for consideration.
- c. The Spring Quarter meeting time has not been determined as we have not received all of the schedules. Members will be notified as soon as a time is set.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dean Scriven states that he recommends acceptance of the proposal of the English Department to change the present grading system for English 520, 540, 550, 551, 550H, and 551H of A,B,C/NE to A,B,C/NC. He has researched the ramifications of such a change and has determined that all mechanical aspects are sound and the computer programming can be designed.

2. Dr. Brothers announced that the English Department was not aware that, when they decided to change the traditional grading system of A,B,C/NE to A,B,C/NC for the English courses listed above, they were, in fact, introducing a new grading system.

She went on to give examples of why, how, and approximately how many students abuse the NE grade. While an assignment of NE does not appear on a student's transcript, a grade of NC does, and therefore gives a student more incentive to earn a passing grade. The fact that a grade of NC does appear on the transcript also preserves its academic integrity.

Dr. Brothers reports that the YSU Dean's Council had suggested that the English Department review its NE grading system, and so she has met with many others. The Dean's Council has contacted each department in the University and has determined that the A,B,C/NC grading system applies only to the above English courses.

3. With implementation of the A,B,C/NC grading system, a student would be allowed to take the course twice. If a passing grade is not obtained, he/she will require permission from the dean in order to repeat a second time. Dr. Brothers has no objections to third attempts.

This grading system will allow a student more time to work on writing skills and, at the same time, will not penalize him/her by affecting the grade point average. Therefore, with the A,B,C/NC system, there would be more emphasis on fulfilling the requirement, rather than protecting the GPA.

4. Dr. Viehmeyer has no objections to the proposed change, but warns the committee of possible attempts by other departments to proliferate grading systems.
5. Munro moves "that the A,B,C/NC grading system for English 520, 540, 550, 551, 550H, and 551H, as contained in the English Department course proposals, be accepted."

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



JoEllen Hall, Secretary  
PWvO, Chairman

cc: Dr. B.T. Gillis  
Provost