Minutes
Committee on Academic Standards, Admission and Financial Aid
February 28, 1993


1. The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. In the absence of Bakanic, the Secretary, Packer agreed to keep minutes.

2. New Business

(a) Student Petitions

- A SNAP student, petitioned to have 2 study-abroad courses (CLAS 290.T01 and CLAS 290.T02, in Greece) approved as language alternatives.
  - Lott moved to approve.
  - McIntosh seconded.
  - Approved.

- An international student, petitioned for transfer credit for High-school Russian language classes. Hass suggested that he test out of Russian 101-202, as provided for under present rules. Wisotzka noted that all he need do was take the placement test to get credit for these classes. Wisotzka agreed to convey this information to the student.

- Petitioned to take 12 of his last 37 hours at University College or King's College, London.
  - Wisotzka moved to approve.
  - Lott seconded.
  - Approved.

(b) For information only, Dean Lindstrom submitted a copy of a letter from him regarding a request for grade changes.

(c) Prof. Beth Harrison (English) petitioned for approval of WS 300 (Across Cultures—Twentieth Century Women's Autobiographies) as a SNAP class. Dean Lindstrom explained that he was submitting this petition to the Academic Standards Committee since the course focused on more than one culture rather than the one, as usual for SNAP language alternatives. In response to Lott's enquiry, Lindstrom affirmed that there was a shortage of alternative classes. Wisotzka moved approval, with the condition that SNAP students choose a non-North-American author as their additional author (as required in the course syllabus). McIntosh seconded. Approved.

(d) Hass submitted a proposal from Prof. Lou Burnett (Chair, Biology) to require a C or better in BIOL 111-112 as a prerequisite for upper division biology courses. This proposal had been submitted to the Curriculum Committee which had shirked its duty by referring this to Academic Standards on the grounds that this is not a curricular matter. Hass demurred at this judgement. Lindstrom agreed with Hass. Hass also pointed out that the proposal would exclude from upper division biology classes a student with a D in BIOL 111 and an A in BIOL 112. The proposal was referred to the Biology Department for reworking.
3. Old Business

(a) Hass circulated a revised proposal on study abroad and the 7/37 rule. Minor revisions, to clarify the intent of the proposal, had been made in response to phone conversations with Speaker Mann and other concerned faculty. (This proposal, with one further minor amendment, was subsequently approved by the senate.)

4. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.