THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
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Minutes of the Committee on Academic Standards, Admissions and Financial Assistance
January 13, 1988

Members Present: Jim Anderson, Hugh Haynsworth, Cindy Hope, Tom Langley, Michael Katuna, Susan Morrison (chair), Ike Stoneberger.

Others Present: William Lindstrom, Michael Pincus.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the December 14, 1987 meeting approved.

Dean Lindstrom reported on academic actions taken at the end of the fall semester. Of 198 fall provisional students, 116 (59.5%) gained acceptance as degree candidates, 71 (36.7%) were denied acceptance, 3 withdrew from the program and 8 were given an additional semester on provisional status. Provisional students who are denied admission and wish to transfer are considered to be non-students, rather than students who have been dropped for academic deficiency. Consequently, they are eligible to apply for admission elsewhere. Statistics of actions taken with regard to academic continuation standards were distributed. Four-hundred-eighty-seven students who began the term in good standing, failed to meet the required academic standards and were placed on probation. Actions were taken on four-hundred-thirty-two students who were not in good standing at the beginning of the fall term. Of these, 90 (21%) satisfied probation, 130 (30%) continued probation, 96 (22%) were given an extended probation and 116 (27%) were dropped for academic deficiency.

petitioned for permission to take up to 15 credits in her last 37 at another institution. The petition was approved with no dissenting votes, pending approval of her major department.

petitioned for satisfaction of the natural science requirement, based on a one-year, six credit, laboratory astronomy course, which was taken and transferred from USC. The petition was referred to the chair of the Physics Department for further investigation, as the catalog description did not state the course included a laboratory. The student will be advised to continue with an alternative sequence in biology.

petitioned to receive credit for a summer school course he had taken, although he failed to pay the course tuition. The petition was deferred, pending more information from the professor.

Professor Pincus met with the committee to discuss alternative courses for the general degree requirement in language for learning disabled students. Prof. Pincus agreed to create a proposed list of alternative course sequences, with input from his faculty. The plan(s) may include restrictions and may exceed twelve credit hours. Prof. Katuna stated that previous academic standards committees had required 12 hours of additional coursework and that previously completed courses could not be included on such a list. Prof. Morrison indicated that this was not precluded by the development of the draft plans). Prof. Pincus pointed out the language requirement is a proficiency requirement, not a twelve hour requirement.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by W. Hugh Haynsworth
Prof. Katuna reported on the progress of the Subcommittee on Scholarships. Recommendations will come to the committee for action.

The Subcommittee on Scholarships was created and will consist of Tom Langley (chair), Jim Anderson and Ike Stoneberger. The subcommittee will address a request from Donald Griggs to review and revise the financial aid policy.

Dean Lindstrom reported that he had requested student reactions to distributing the reading days throughout the final examination periods, but had gotten little meaningful response. The committee approved a motion to report to Vice President Sommer-Kresse, Academic Standards Committee support of a mid-exam reading day in the calendar (5-0).

After a brief discussion, the committee could reach no decision on what constitutes ‘three exams in a row’.

Prof. Morrison reported that Mr. Conrad had assured her that the bookstore does not discourage students from buying books before classes begin. A large percentage of the bookstore sales occur prior to the beginning of each term. Prof. Langley indicated that he had observed this recommendation on a document in a prospective student’s acceptance packet. Dean Lindstrom will investigate, to determine which office is responsible for this advice.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

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W. Hugh Haynsworth