Minutes
Committee on Academic Standards, Admission and Financial Aid
June 13, 1994


1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. In the absence of Godsen, the Secretary, Packer agreed to keep minutes.

2. New Business

(a) Proposal from the Office of Admissions and Continuing Education

- Don Burkard, Dean of Admissions and Continuing Education, accompanied by Mary Tileson, submitted a proposal for discussion regarding a new admission procedure for "non-traditional students", to be called the Adult Degree Track. The intent of the proposal is to give such students access to better advising and orientation, as well as financial aid. There was considerable discussion, resulting in a consensus that Burkard should write a formal proposal for the Adult Degree Track to replace the existing continuing education option for degree-seeking students. This proposal would be reviewed by the Academic Standards Committee and then submitted to the faculty senate in the Fall. Some of the concerns that were raised were:
  - clarification of whether this procedure would lower the standard for admission of such students (Lowrey).
  - this procedure being used as a loophole by students who had previously been dismissed for a fixed period, to avoid the usual review of their records (Lindstrom).
  - the unfairness of arbitrarily subjecting an 18-year-old to tougher standards than a 21-year-old (Allen).
  - the manner of dealing with ADT students who have not met the 2.0 GPA standard after 15 hours (Bakanic).

(b) Student Petitions

- [Redacted] petitioned for an exception to academic dismissal under the 3-year option rule after he had failed to meet the agreed academic standard in Spring 1994. His petition was based on a recent diagnosis of a learning disability. It was noted that his disability was unrelated to the course which he had failed in Spring 1994, namely Acct-308, a course in his major. Lindstrom also spoke against granting an exception.
  - Allen moved to deny the petition.
  - Packer seconded.
  - Petition denied.

- [Redacted] petitioned to take 10 of her last 37 hours at Augusta College this summer so that she could complete her course requirements at the College of Charleston in the Fall and student teach in the Spring of 1995.
  - Lowrey moved to approve.
  - Allen seconded.
- Approved.
- [Redacted] petitioned to take 10 of her last 37 hours at Florence-Darlington College this summer so that she could graduate in Spring 1995.
- Allen moved to approve.
- Lowrey seconded.
- Approved.
- [Redacted] petitioned to take 18 of her last 37 hours at the University of South Carolina (Columbia). This would include 15 hours in her major. The reason for her petition is that she has a job waiting for her in Columbia (with a July starting date). Allen opposed her petition on the grounds that it violates the philosophy of the regulation, and moved to deny. No-one seconded. Lowrey suggested that we consult Dean Rudd for his opinion, and Bakanic agreed to do this.

(c) The committee reviewed a flow chart, submitted by Bobbie Lindstrom, Coordinator of SNAP Services, of the accommodation process for students with learning disabilities. This process includes provisions for appeal to the Academic Standards Committee when disputes arise regarding either the certification of students as learning disabled or what constitutes “reasonable” accommodation. Some suggestions were made for minor alterations and Dean Lindstrom agreed to convey these to Bobbie Lindstrom. The consensus was that the chart was admirably clear and well thought-out.

3. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.