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

March 16, 1988

Members Present: Jim Anderson, Hugh Haynsworth, Tom Langley, Michael Katuna, Michael Morgan, Susan Morrison (chair).


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

The proposal of the Mathematics Department to exclude some courses from the calculation of the major grade point ratio was discussed. Bill Anderson, registrar, reported that he would prefer that all departments have a consistent policy. Currently, only the Business Administration major specifically excludes some departmental courses, numbered 101 or above, from calculation of the major GPR. After much discussion, the subject was tabled, pending action of the curriculum committee.

Minutes of the March 2, 1988 meeting were circulated and approved.

Dean Lindstrom reported that data and a draft revision of the academic retention standards are being reviewed by the administration and will be brought to the committee as soon as possible.

Bill Anderson asked for committee comments on a revised method of posting a Three-Year Transfer Option student’s record. Members agreed the format was an improvement. Mr. Anderson indicated that whenever a transcript is issued, it must be a full and complete record of the student’s College of Charleston coursework. The purpose of the modified reporting method is simply to clarify the record.

Dean Lindstrom provided data on late course withdrawals for the Fall, 1987 semester. A total of 108 students were allowed to withdraw from a total of 185 courses. Most (96) of the students gave medical, family emergency, employment, college error, financial problems or a learning disability as the reason for withdrawal.

A discussion of a recent administrative announcement of the admissions policy for Fall, 1988 freshman followed. Apparently dormitories are now full, all scholarships have been offered, and applications continue to run 40% ahead of last year. Consequently applicants with a PGPR less than 1.8 will be denied admission and applicants with a PGPR between 1.8 and 2.0 will only be considered for provisional status. Prof. Morrison will ask an academic administrator to attend the next meeting to discuss the policy and possible implications.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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