Minutes
Academic Standards Committee
March 28, 1994

In attendance: Lindstrom, Hass, Lott, Halford, McIntosh, Packer, Wisotzka, Bakanic, Shannon Bridge (student representative) Wayne Patterson, Sue Sommer-Kresse, Conrad Festa.

I. Call to Order - 2:35 p.m.

II. Special Presentation:
   A. Presentation by Conrad Festa regarding the Base closure grant and the PONSI program.

   1. A grant in the amount of $68 million was appropriated by BEST for educating and re-training people whose jobs were affected by the naval base closure. Fifteen million has already been allocated for re-training. The College of Charleston must assess program needs, transfer credits, and experiential credit.

   2. The PONSI program (Program On Non-Collegiate Sponsored Instruction) evaluates course offered by government business and industry for college credit. The American Council of Education (ACE) has asked the College to sponsor this program and to be a member of the state coordinating committee.

   3. Sue Sommer Kresse and Wayne Patterson answered questions about faculty involvement and the accreditation process.

      * five year re-evaluation requirement

      * College of Charleston faculty would be recruited and paid to serve on evaluation teams. The first year one of three faculty on an evaluation committee would be from our college. The second year two faculty would be from C of C and the third year all three faculty would be from C of C.

      * PONSI has strict accreditation standards which will be made available for faculty.

   4. The Academic standards committee would be hearing any disputes that involved transfer credit arising from the PONSI program.
III. Old Business:

A. Amended petition for amended his previous petition to take 19 hours rather than 12 hours at King's College, London.
   1. Paige Wisotzka moves to approve
   2. Brent Lott seconds
   3. Motion passed - Approved.

IV. New Business

A. Student Petitions -

1. petitions to take 12 of her last 37 hours at Palmer campus of Trident Tech. She argues that College of Charleston is not offering the course she needs during summer session and that Palmer campus is more convenient to her work schedule.
   a. After a discussion about the accuracy of her claim about the lack of appropriate course offering the committee decided that there was not sufficient evidence that was deliberately mis-representing the available course offerings.
   b. Von Bakanic moves that to allow transfer credit, but not to allow the grades to become part of GPA.
   c. K. McIntosh seconds
   d. Motion passed - Approved for transfer credit.

2. petitions to take 3 hours at Central Wesleyan and 6 hours at Clemson during summer of 1994.
   a. L. Packer moves to approve the petition.
   b. B. Lott seconds.
   c. Motion Passed - Approved.

B. Other New Business - The committee discussed the use of pluses in addition to minuses and the effect on the GPA. The committee anticipates complaints as more students transfer from institutions which use both the plus and minus system.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 4:05