

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
October 27, 2006
Minutes

Members

Present: Paul Matney, Robert Boyd, Diane Brice, Sally Evans,
Ann Hamblin, Michael Kopenits, Duane Lintner,
Shawna Lopez, Mary Clare Munger, Ed Nolte, Jim Powell, Rathna
Prabhakar, and Victoria Taylor-Gore

Members

Absent: Bob Austin, David Fike, Toni Gordy, Sheryl Mueller, Lyndi Shadbolt,

Guest: Judy Johnson

October 13, 2006 MINUTES

Ann Hamblin noted – Page 2 of the minutes stated “Last year the Learning Center served 200 students”; it should read “1,200 students.” Jim Powell moved, seconded by Ed Nolte, to approve the October 13, 2006 minutes with correction. The motion carried.

STUDENT AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT
English as a Second Language

Handout by Judy Johnson, Academic Development division chair, proposes a curriculum revision to allow ESL students to complete each level in fewer semesters. The plan is to offer only three courses at each level, dropping the grammar course and one hour of lab requirement, and adding a the BAS class in order to help students complete each level in only one semester. The BAS class is a more effective method for delivery of lab instruction than the ESL lab as it is now. Now it takes four years to complete all four levels of ESL – the BAS lab will allow the ones wanting to get on the fast track to finish in 2 years. Most students have trouble in the math area. Once they have finished ESL they then have to struggle in the math courses. The students will be guided by the BAS course according to their needs. We want students to come out of ESL faster and ready to start college classes. Under this plan we want them to come out with a GED or be able to pass the Accuplacer. Most ESL students are not immigrants; they are refugees who should be in ESL classes. Judy plans to bring a proposal to screen the ESL students to make sure they do not get into classes without the ESL program. After discussion, a motion was made to approve by Rathna Prabakhar, Duane Lintner seconded, motion carried.

SGA REQUEST

Paul reported he had received a resolution from SGA to have a schedule without noon hour classes so that students can have the option of attending club meetings or having a lunch break. Discussion and suggestions: Jim Powell noted that PTK wanted to move their meetings to noon. He suggested faculty build into their syllabus to combine a class and a club meeting as a learning experience. Judy Johnson suggested we publish club meetings in the class schedule so students know when they are offered and work their schedules

around the meetings. Each club could possibly schedule their meetings at different times to accommodate anyone wanting to participate in more than one club or activity. Diane Brice asked April to give her the scheduled meeting times and the Registrar's Office will post the meetings in the schedule so students could work their class schedules around the meetings. This information needs to be sent to the Registrar's Office in January to get in the Fall '07 schedule. Sally Evans suggested we conduct a survey to see if the students are interested in participating in the clubs. Paul noted we are making noon, 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm classes. Students to have option of taking classes on their lunch hour or have the option of attending classes two days a week in order to be able to work their jobs the rest of the week.

Meeting adjourned 9:57