

Academic Standards and Policy Committee
Minutes
August 27, 2002
3:30 PM, 309 PIO

Present: A. Arquitt, A. Greiner, D. Mott, M. White, T. Brown, K. Bell

The meeting was called to order by A. Arquitt and introductions were made.

The regular meeting schedule of the fourth Tuesday of each month was approved.

It was decided that the responsibility of Recording Secretary would rotate monthly among the members of the Committee.

The Committee Charge was briefly reviewed.

The issues before the Committee at the close of the 2001-2002 academic year were reviewed. The main issue was to allow on-line course and faculty evaluations and making those evaluations available to the appropriate administrators for tenure and promotion decisions. This issue was effectively settled by negative criticism from members of the Faculty Council, ranging from questions regarding the time period available to students to submit evaluations to concerns about confidentiality and student cabals coordinating negative answers. The Committee agreed that this was a dead issue, at least at this time.

Two new issues have been raised with the Committee:

- 1) Electronic grade submission in the Spring 200 semester resulted in a number of problems for the faculty. Evidently, the system cannot handle the peak load: One faculty member was bumped off while entering grades for a large class, and another faculty member could not get in at all and had to turn in 150 changes of grade later. This matter will be raised and discussed with the Registrar's Office.
- 2) There are problems with fitting final exams for distance-learning courses into the University final exam schedule. This affects several venues including courses taught jointly in Stillwater and OSU Tulsa and courses taught via compressed TV at locations around the world. It was decided that the first step would be to obtain a list of the Distance Learning Courses for this semester that are coordinated by University Extension. (Note: This has been done.) It was also suggested that Prof. Kay Bull would be invited to attend the next Committee meeting to discuss his concerns and experiences.

Last year's Committee Chair, Prof. Brenda Masters, will be invited to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Bell
Recording Secretary, Pro Tem