The meeting was called to order by J. Parker, Acting Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by D. Cesarotti, seconded by S. Eaton to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Electronic Approval of the Minutes of March 30, 2005

The minutes for meeting #125 were approved electronically via email.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Grading System - College Feedback

J. Parker distributed a summary of responses from the colleges responding to the request for input for changing the grading system. The summary is reproduced here:

**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES - GRADE CHANGE**

**CEET** No response from students or faculty

**CVPA** No response from students or faculty
CLAS Students - Retain current system  
Faculty - Retain current system

COB Students - Either Option 1 (no change) or 3 (plus only)  
Faculty - Retain current system

CHHS Students - Equally split among options 1 (no change), 3 (plus only) and 5 (half/step)  
Faculty - Retain current system

COE Students - Retain current system  
Faculty - 1 professor wants option 3 (plus only); 2 professors want option 5 (half/step)

After reviewing the responses from the colleges, it was determined that there was enough information from students and faculty that APASC would not pursue the change to the grading system further.

It was moved by R. Burk, seconded by D. Cesarotti that APASC has received the responses back from students and faculty regarding the alternative grading systems discussed by the committee in earlier meetings. There does not appear to be majority support for a change. APASC will report back to the Undergraduate Coordinating Committee that there does not appear to be sufficient support for a change at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dismissals and Reinstatements for Undecided Any College/Major

E. Seaver reported that because of the collegiate model we use at Northern Illinois University, decisions about withdrawals, dismissals, reinstatements, and a number of other issues are handled within the college offices, either by the dean or the dean’s designee. As the Academic Advising Center is not a college, changes are required in the wording in the undergraduate catalog, the constitutional bylaws, etc. These documents refer to the process as being handled in the college. Therefore, APASC needs to address the catalog as it relates to where students go to have these processes done.

While withdrawals are not an issue, decisions pertaining to reinstatements and dismissals are typically handled by faculty. However, the Academic Advising Center does not have any faculty.

The bylaws state that APASC has oversight regarding college reinstatement committees. At present we do not have a faculty mechanism to handle the Undecided Any College students. It is suggested that APASC or a subcommittee of APASC review reinstatements and dismissals.
The following problems and issues were discussed:

- We do not want this process to be a back door into the institution.
- This process cannot be done in the colleges because the student is not in any college.
- The Advising Center wants to have faculty input into these decisions.
- The staff of the Advising Center are there to help students and do not want to be making decisions about reinstatement and dismissal.
- A possible timing problem is that the reinstatement committees usually meet the Wednesday after commencement.
- We do not have a good idea as to the volume at this time, because the concept is so new.
- E. Seaver outlined the current process for reviewing dismissals and reinstatements.
  - Currently, 25% of freshmen are entering as undecided.
- The Provost’s Office and the Advising Center will draw up policies and procedures working with the Advising Group, and submit proposals to APASC next year.
  - Something is required and APASC appears to be the structure to handle it. We should try it and if it doesn’t seem to work, or if there is a process that appears to be more adequate later we can address it then.
- There are variations in decision-making in these areas between colleges.
- The admissions wait list does not include reinstatements.

This issue is tabled until next academic year.


It was moved by E. Mogren, seconded by C. Rollman to nominate D. Wade as chair for 2005-2006. With the nominations closed D. Wade was elected chair by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Don Larson.

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