OPENING: The meeting was called to order by D. Wade, Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by D. Wade, seconded by R. Holly, to approve the revised agenda. Motion passed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Electronic Approval of Minutes (4/11/07). D. Wade said that the minutes were not approved electronically because there were some omitted items that needed to be included.

It was moved by D. Wade, seconded by R. Holly, to approve the unapproved minutes with the addition of the proposed add/drop language, and the addition of the new finished language regarding the English core competency and indication that it is the final draft of the language, and the Health and Human Sciences materials that were approved included as an attachment. Motion passed.
It was moved by L. Rigg, seconded by M. Myles, to include any substantive language as a general policy from this point forward. Motion passed.

B. New Student Information System Update

B. Gage stated that the PeopleSoft team are now doing some end to end testing. They are admitting a student based on a test on-line application, going through the check list, auto decision, putting in transfer credit, enrolling the student and adding grades. Discussions are taking place on the training calendar as to when different staff will be trained. The different levels of security that are going to be assigned by position are being decided.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Catalog Revision (COB #11) – Referred from CUC  See Attachment #1

The proposed catalog changes to the College of Business and the Department of Accountancy were introduced. After lengthy discussions concerning recruitment and retention issues, the following motion was made.

It was moved by D. Wade, seconded by R. Holly, to approve the Department of Accountancy requirements language and refer the College of Business proposed catalog change back to the college for further consideration. Motion passed.

B. Catalog Revision (CLAS #15) – Referred from CUC  See Attachment #2

The proposed catalog changes to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences were introduced. There was much discussion as to the unfairness of the second sentence. “If a student completes any part of the sequence at NIU, only the NIU course work will be used in the calculation.” A student could take four of five classes required at a community college and receive “D”s and then take the fifth class at Northern and only the course taken at NIU would be used to calculate the GPA.

M. Myles said that it would be fairer to calculate all of the required courses taken both transfer and NIU credits which is what the College of Education presently does.

It was moved by D. Wade, seconded by R. Holly, to table the College of Liberal Arts requirement for the B.S. degree and to refer it back to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for them to develop a rationale. Motion passed.
IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Faculty Chair for 2007-2008

D. Wade volunteered to serve as chair of APASC again next year and was approved by acclamation.

B. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by D. Wade, seconded by R. Holly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Gambino.
College of Business, #11, 3/20/07

Other catalog change: Page 68, 2006-2007 Undergraduate Catalog

Additional Requirements
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To graduate with a degree in the College of Business, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 (C average) in their majors, computed by using all 300- and 400-level courses taken in a student’s major whether elective or required. Included in the calculation of a student’s major GPA are all 300- and 400-level courses taken outside the department and outside the College of Business that are required by the student’s major.

To graduate with a degree in the College of Business, students must earn a grade of at least C in each course required in their major, which includes courses in the business core, all required business courses, and all electives required for their major.

Rationale: To ensure that College of Business majors achieve average or better competency in their course work.

Department of Accountancy

Other catalog change: Page 71, 2006-07 Undergraduate Catalog

Department Requirements
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To graduate as an accountancy major, a student must earn a grade of at least C in each required ACCY course, course required in the major, which includes courses in the business core, required ACCY courses, and all electives required for the major.

Rationale: To ensure that accountancy majors achieve average or better competency in their course work.
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences #15, 4/4/07

Other Catalog Change

Page 165, 2006-07 Undergraduate Catalog

College Requirement for the B.S. Degree

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must demonstrate competence in laboratory science/mathematical/computational skills equivalent to that attained through two years of regular college instruction (10-15 semester hours). This requirement may be met by completing one of the sequences listed below with at least a 2.00 GPA in the sequence. 

If a student completes the sequence in transfer, transfer grades will be used to calculate the GPA. If a student completes any part of the sequence at NIU, only the NIU course work will be used in the calculation. Students should note that the sequences listed below are intended to be minimum requirements for the B.S. degree and that some departments have additional course requirements in the laboratory/mathematical sciences for their majors. Students seeking the B.S. degree should check …

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Rationale: This is the current practice. It seems appropriate to state it explicitly in the catalog.