NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(APASC)

Minutes of Meeting #160
February 3, 2010

Approved

Present: A. Radasanu (LAS); J. Wolfskill (LAS/MATH); L. Guo (EET/TECH); L. Marcellus (Council of Adv. Deans); E. Klonoski (VPA); D. Wade (BUS/MGMT); B. Goldenberg (UCC);

Ex Officio: S. Eaton (EDUC SERV & PROG); E. Seaver (VICE PROVOST); K. McCarthy (STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT);

Absent: M. Gillis (TRANSFER CENTER); S. Arnett (HHS); J. Parker (EDUC/KNPE);

Student: Jennifer Harris (HHS/NUTRITION & DIETETICS)

Visitors: L. Allison (REGISTRATION AND RECORDS); D. Smith (CATALOG EDITOR/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR); S. Warber (REGISTRATION AND RECORDS)

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

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

   It was moved by D. Wade, seconded by J. Wolfskill to adopt the agenda.
   Motion passed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

   A. Electronic Approval of Minutes (12/09/09)

   B. Report from the Advising Deans

      L. Marcellus indicated that the advising deans are looking at adding some new terminology towards the front of the undergraduate catalog regarding academic jeopardy and other definitions that might be needed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

   A. College Reinstatement Reports for 2008-2009

      E. Seaver stated that he will be asking the colleges to find out the success rate of the re-instated students.

      D. Wade moved to receive the reinstatement reports. L. Marcellus seconded.
      Motion carried.
B. Catalog Language: Postbaccalaureate Students

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Postbaccalaureate Students

Postbaccalaureate students are those who hold baccalaureate degrees from an accredited U.S. college or university, or from a recognized foreign institution, and wish to take additional undergraduate courses or to earn a second baccalaureate degree. To qualify for admission, a postbaccalaureate applicant must submit an official transcript indicating the degree previously earned if the degree was not awarded by NIU from all previous attended institutions, other than NIU. A student requesting an evaluation of transfer credit must submit a transcript from each college or university attended. In addition, an applicant wishing to pursue a major, emphasis, or area of study which has limited admission requirements must submit transcripts from all schools attended. All credit will be evaluated from the perspective of the new major. Postbaccalaureate applicants are subject to the review procedures applicable to limited admission and retention programs. See “Limited Admissions Requirements” and individual college programs.

The NIU cumulative GPA for all postbaccalaureate students, including those whose initial baccalaureate degree was earned at NIU, will include only postbaccalaureate course work attempted at NIU.

Rationale: This will allow postbaccalaureate students to have a completed evaluation of all their previous work and will provide a needed tool for accurate advising.

L. Marcellus stated that currently when postbaccalaureate students apply they have to submit a transcript that reflects their undergraduate degree. By just submitting the one transcript, they are not able to get a proper evaluation. The new language says that all transcripts from previous institutions must be submitted. Having all courses taken at previous institutions will help in the student advising.

D. Wade moved to approve the catalog language for postbaccalaureate students. L. Marcellus seconded. Motion carried.

C. Catalog Language: Second Baccalaureate Degree

UG catalog under "Other Graduation Requirements" section, with my suggested wording addition in BOLD:

Second Baccalaureate Degree

A student who earns a baccalaureate degree from NIU may receive a second such degree if all requirements for both degrees are met. The curriculum for the second degree must include at least 30 semester hours in residence above the minimum 120 semester hours required for the first degree at NIU, unless the degrees are earned concurrently. If earned concurrently, both degree requirements must be met with a minimum of 120 semester hours.

A student who holds a baccalaureate degree from another college or university may receive a second such degree from NIU by meeting these requirements.
Being admitted to NIU.
Earning at least 30 semester hours of undergraduate credit in residence at NIU.
Fulfilling all requirements for a major other than the first major and all degree requirements.
Earning at least 12 semester hours of major departmental requirements in courses numbered at the 300 and 400 level taken at NIU.

A student may not apply any credit in physical education activity courses toward the second baccalaureate degree.

E. Seaver stated that this change is saying that a student may obtain a second baccalaureate degree by completing a minimum of 120 hours if they are doing the degrees concurrently. Current catalog language says a student must have 150 credit hours to receive two degrees.

D. Wade moved to approve the catalog language for second baccalaureate degrees. J. Wolfskill seconded. Motion carried.

D. Curricular Items referred from CUC

APASC items for review from the Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, Curriculum Committee Meeting #8, November 10, 2009

Department of Accountancy

Course revision: Page 74, 2009-10 Undergraduate Catalog

206. INTRODUCTORY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING (3). … PRQ: Completion of 24 or more semester hours of course work and a grade of C or better in OMIS 259 or equivalent.

Rationale: In a prior meeting, the College of Business changed the lower-level business core to replace a “one-of-nine” course choice with OMIS 259 [see catalog changes accompanying College of Business Curriculum Committee minutes from April 28, 2009]. This change was made to ensure that students have an information systems background early in their academic careers to facilitate their successful completion of upper-level business courses. Consistent with this change, making OMIS 259 a prerequisite for ACCY 206 will accomplish a leveling of technology skills prior to admission to ACCY 206, allowing this course to build on the foundation created in OMIS 259 and allowing all subsequent College of Business courses to make ever-increasing contributions to the students’ technology skills.

L. Marcellus indicated that that by having students take OMIS 259 prior to ACCY 206 it will allow more time in ACCY 206 to be spent on accountancy issues and not as much on technology issues (excel, access, etc).

It was moved by D. Wade, seconded by L. Marcellus, to approve the revised prerequisite for ACCY 206 “Introductory Financial Accounting”. Motion passed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes submitted by Lisa Allison.