Minutes of Student Standards and Practices Meeting

October 20, 2009
12:30 – 1:30 pm, Room 1430

Present: Sandy Buckley, Lauren Coodley, Victoria Worch, Betty Hopperstad, Robert Miller, and Alex Shantz.

1.0 Welcome from Chair Rob Miller

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda
Moved, seconded, and adopted

3.0 Approve minutes from 9/15/09
Moved, seconded, and approved

4.0 Public comment
None

5.0 Action/Discussion:

5.1 Meeting Schedule
Membership has changed since August, resulting in problems settling meeting day and time. Sandy’s experience with Facilities committee, where the committee would not change its meeting time to meet her time, was very frustrating. Chair will refer this issue to executive committee. SS and P committee will wait to hear from senate secretary about a new time for spring meetings. Current time will continue for fall.

5.2 Attendance Policy
Do we want to keep current policy on attendance? There is a conflict between the catalogue and the schedule. Betty noted problem with the language in the catalogue, and recommends absence to be linked to units not hours per week. Group discussed whether student should be dropped after 1,2,3 absences or more. Group agreed on need for notification process for students who miss first class. Group agreed to work on changing or clarifying policy through email and consultation with Ed code. Group agreed that instructor discretion is important; some subject can allow for more absences than others.

Group did not agree on certain kinds of absences being excused and others not. Group recognize that during a flu pandemic, adjustments will need to be made college-wide and on a one-time basis to any policy for normal times.
5.3 Disruptive Students Policy
The current policy directs teachers to initially meet with a disruptive student alone. Group agrees that in circumstance where a teacher feels threatened, Public Safety and the Vice President need to be involved immediately. It may be unsafe to meet with students alone, especially for adjuncts and especially at night, though this could also be an issue for all teachers at all times. Group agreed to discuss our concerns with the Vice President when he attends the meeting in November, since the policy originates from his office.

6.0 Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.