

Minutes
Senate Scholastic Standards Committee
Nov. 3, 2008
(approved 12/15/08)

Members: (attending members in bold): **Diane Lillo-Martin (Chair)**, John Bennett, **Kay Bloomberg, Scott Brown, Francine DeFranco, Gerald Gianutsos, Lynne Goodstein, Lawrence Gramling, Douglas Hamilton, Katrina Higgins**, Janna Mahfoud, **Yuhang Rong, Jeffrey von Munkwitz-Smith, David Wagner, Robert Weiner**, Han Zhang

1. Minutes from 10/20/08 approved (see attachment).
2. Discussion of changes in the wording of the Dismissal policy – postponed for gathering additional information.

3. Discussion of proposed expansion to Honors Program
Lynne Goodstein provided background information on changes in the Honors Program since her arrival at UConn in 2002. Currently the entering class has 337 students; the program serves approximately 1350 students total. Over the past 6 years there have been improvements in the experiences available for students in the program.

Current plan: Entering class for F09 400 students; F10 450 students. There will be an assessment of the success of the program with 450 entering students before possibly increasing to 550 as in the Academic Plan. Current projections are based on entering class of 450.

Goal is to graduate same number of students as entered 4 years previously. Those who leave the program will be replaced with new honors rising sophomores or juniors. This will require opportunities for more students to complete an honors thesis (in 2008, 253 honors grads). Honors Advisory Board is considering different options for thesis projects, going beyond the traditional ‘laboratory bench’ model.

It is clear that resources will be needed for additional honors courses (regular and Honors Core). A proposal has been made to President Hogan but it is still pending review.

Proposed changes to requirements for staying in the honors program, possible expansion of thesis options, etc. still in development. Eventually proposals will come to SSC for consideration.

Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 17, 4:00 – 5:30 PM, Wilbur Cross 110