

Minutes
Senate Scholastic Standards Committee
March 17, 2009

Members: (attending members in bold): **John Clausen (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. Guests: **Margaret Lamb**.

1. The Minutes from March 5, 2009 were approved with one abstention.

Old Business

A. INTD/UNIV.

Margaret Lamb provided some background on implementation of the INTD/UNIV courses and the University Interdisciplinary Courses Committee. The consensus of the committee was that a By-laws change seems appropriate. A subcommittee was formed of J. Clausen, M. Lamb, and D. Hamilton to prepare draft language for committee review.

B. Dismissal Policy.

K. Higgins provided copies of the Senate By-laws, Section 15. Scholastic Probation and Dismissal. She also provided several comments in the by-laws regarding the role of the VP for Undergraduate Education and Instruction and other issues related to changes in titles, changes in actual practice, and conflicts between the by-laws and the e-policy by-laws. Apparently, about 450-650 students are eligible for dismissal throughout the University annually. She was also going to share this information with the associate deans prior to further discussion with SSC.

New Business

a. Dean of Students

In order to become better informed about the implications of the elimination of the Dean of Student's position, members agreed to invite John Saddlemire to a future joint meeting with the Senate student welfare Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meetings/locations:

Thurs., April 2 – Wilbur Cross, room 110
Tues., April 14 – Dodd Center, room 162
Thurs., April 30 – Wilbur Cross, room 110