

Minutes
Senate Scholastic Standards Committee
Dec. 15, 2008

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 11/3/08 approved (see attachment).
2. Review of SSC activities for Fall 2008 (see attachment).

3. Academic calendar.

Representatives from USG asked SSC to consider a proposal to add Reading Days to the academic calendar. Coincidentally, other changes to the Academic Calendar have also been suggested by President Hogan. The SEC is setting up a Task Force on the issue to begin the discussion of this issue. SSC members discussed considering other possible ways to address the concerns of the students, and we hope that there will be student representation on the Task Force.

4. Completion of incomplete grades (see attachment).

The committee agreed to propose a change to the by-laws, section II.E.3, to make the wording consistent with a change approved in section II.E.6 in Nov. 2007. In addition, it was pointed out that the registrar's office no longer brackets a student's GPA due to the assignment of a temporary grade, so this wording of the by-laws should also be changed.

5. INTD/UNIV courses.

In January 2008, the Senate approved an SSC proposal regarding proposals, review, and administration of INTD/UNIV courses. A concern has been raised that part of this approved procedure is in violation of By-laws. The committee discussed the issues surrounding this and other apparently similar cases (CCS courses; intersession, summer courses). The sense of the committee was that the procedure passed in January 2008 should be maintained as far as possible. We believe that the by-laws can be interpreted such that courses or groups of courses can fall under an identified administrative entity. This issue will be discussed further in future meetings.

Next meeting: TBD (new SSC Chair, Jack Clausen)