Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting, March 14, 2011
Pleasant Hall Library/Conference Room

Members present: Fakri Al-Bagdadi, William Armstrong, Robert Doolos, Andrea Houston, Paul LaRock, Marty Loupe, Mary Parker, Robert Perlis, Marty Muhammed Wahab, Maud Walsh. Andrea Houston sent a proxy to Bill Armstrong.

William Armstrong, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. He welcomed new member Fakri Al-Bagdadi from the School of Veterinary Medicine, and asked that everyone introduce himself/herself.

The minutes of the November 19th meeting were discussed and approved, but with a recommendation by Perlis that a note be made in these minutes that although the ASH committee did not endorse it, Faculty Senate Resolution 10-13, “Withdrawal Date Policy Revisions,” introduced to the Faculty Senate at the request of the Student Government Association, was passed by the Faculty Senate at their meeting on January 20, 2011.

The minutes for the December 3rd meeting were approved.

The minutes of the February email discussion and vote on the proposal by Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Student Aid regarding additional course options for students admitted to the Summer Provisional Program were approved.

Robert Doolos, University Registrar, presented a proposal to change wording in Catalog regarding acceptability of repeated course for degree credit:

Unless otherwise stated in the course description, credit will be awarded only once for a course that is repeated. When students are permitted to repeat for credit a course previously taken in the LSU System, only the last grade determines the acceptability of the course for degree credit.

This is simply a correction to reflect the policy and practice that has been followed, so the committee agreed to forego the usual practice of deferring a vote to a subsequent meeting and voted to approve the proposal.

Doolos also brought up a question about whether a student who declared academic bankruptcy could get credit through a departmental proficiency exam for a course that the student had taken pre-bankruptcy [see document entitled Doolos proposal repeat course credit]. Doolos said that the situation is not common, but he wants the committee’s opinion. Houston pointed out that departments can choose whether or not to administer the exams, and that permission is usually given only for certain courses. The committee will vote on the question at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

[Minutes submitted by Maud Walsh]