Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting, October 12, 2011
Council Room, LSU Union

Members present: Fahkri Al-Bagdadi, Sarah Bartolome, Graham Bodie, Lake Douglas, Robert Doolos, Andrea Houston, Gerald Knapp, Ioan Negulescu, Larry Smolensky, Maud Walsh

Guests: Andrea Miller, Richard Hughes, Karsten Thompson, Warren Waguespack.

Andrea Houston, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Presentation of proposals

Andrea Miller, Associate Dean of the Manship School of Communication, introduced a proposal to require that all students who declare a major or minor in Mass Communication have their own wireless internet access laptop computer upon entering the first Mass Communication class [see document entitled ASHManshipLaptopProposal]. Committee members expressed concerns about the expenses for students involved in purchasing computers and software. Miller indicated that most incoming majors already have laptops, and that requiring laptops would mean that they would be covered by financial aid. Doolos pointed out that the laptop requirement might not be approved in time for inclusion in the 2012-13 catalog.

Karsten Thompson and Richard Hughes, Chemical Engineering, and Warren Waguespack, Associate Dean in the College of Engineering presented responses to questions raised by the ASH Committee on the proposal to change the admission requirements to the undergraduate program [see document entitled PETE enrollment control ASH questions v. 2b] and presented a revised proposal [see document entitled PETE Proposed Requirements v.2].

Discussion of proposals

Manship School of Communication
Members asked that the Office of Student be asked for clarification of the coverage that might be expected, and Doolos recommended contacting Crystal Oubre.

Petroleum Engineering
Bodie moved to accept the revised proposal, Knapp seconded the proposal. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the revised proposal.

Additional discussion

Houston asked for members to volunteer on subcommittees to 1) develop a procedure for submitting proposals to the ASH Committee and 2) examine request by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to revisit recent changes to admission requirements. Doolos and Walsh signed up to work on submission procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

[Minutes submitted by Maud Walsh]