Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting
November 1, 2013
152 School of Human Ecology Building Conference Room

Meeting opened at 12:30 with quorum; Gerry Knapp presiding, minutes recorded by Graham Bodie

In attendance:
- Voting members –Gerry Knapp, Alex Garn, Doug McMillin, Sarah Baktolome, Larry Smolinsky, Graham Bodie, Cathy Williams
- Proxies held: Gerry Knapp for Fakhri Al-Bagdadi
- Non-voting members –Walt Holliday, Gil Reeve, Kelly Aunn

Minutes from Oct 4 were approved by unanimous vote.

I. Proposal: Graduate credit and BA degrees
The purpose of the change to the catalog is to make it clear that students can apply coursework toward the completion of only one degree; thus, for instance, an undergraduate taking a graduate course can apply credits toward either the BA or MA/MS/PhD, and not both (except for combined degrees).

Motion to vote (Bodie), second (Smolinksy); approved

II. Review of policies regarding students taking courses at two-year colleges
Feedback from senior colleges indicated opposition to changing the policy, particularly with respect to students requiring college pre-approval. Discussion ensued regarding the need for the change; several concerned about limiting students’ ability to take 1000 and 2000-level courses at other locations (e.g., during the summer when at home) just because they have completed 60 hours of coursework – example of engineering students who do not take these courses until their Jr. and Sr. years

Motion (Knapp) – reword the catalog along the following lines: After students have earned one-half of the applied credits for a bachelor’s degree, they must seek authorization from the dean of their college or school in order to earn credits at a two-year college outside the LSU System.” Second (Bodie)

Discussion about whether to grant an exception for two-year colleges inside the LSU System

Knapp will distribute new wording to ASH members and seek feedback from senior colleges.
III. Undergraduate student ability to enroll in graduate courses
Current policy is to only allow UG students with a 3.5 GPA and 75 earned credit hours to enroll in graduate courses; discussion about lowering standard to 3.0.

Reeve urged committee to seek guidance from graduate council.

Issue tabled until next meet, awaiting feedback.

Motion to adjourn (Bodie); second (Knapp).

Meeting adjourned 1:27 PM.

Remaining meetings this semester, all 12:30-1:30, 115 Human Ecology
  • Friday, December 6.

[Minutes submitted by Graham Bodie]