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APAC Minutes
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Members present: Midgarden, Chair; Bakke, Bolton, Brunton, Conteh, Dobitz, Fasick, Hart, Klenk, Krause, Pemble, Reed, Roy, Sanderson, Strong.

1. Introduction of Members and APAC Manual

The first APAC meeting of the 1996/97 academic year was held on Tuesday, September 3. Members introduced themselves and the APAC manual was distributed. Bette Midgarden explained the change in the APAC committee structure. The new membership includes: fifteen elected faculty representatives (four from Arts/Humanities, three from Business/Industry, three from Education/Human Services, four from Social/Natural Sciences and one from Library/Counseling Center, one of which shall serve concurrently as APAC Representative to the Faculty Association Executive Council), two students, one MSUAASF representative and the deans as non-voting members.

Elections will be held for the four faculty positions open on the committee: 2 Arts/Humanities, 1 Business/Industry and 1 Library/Counseling Center. There is also a slot open for a student representative.

2. Financial Aid - Attendance Policy

This item was struck from the agenda per Karen Knighton's request. John Tandberg will send information to faculty regarding the importance of listing the "last day of attendance" on the grade sheet (a column recently added to the grade sheet). The Financial Aid office will continue to monitor the last day of attendance for students.

3. Computer Science and Information Systems

Minor Change:

Change the Math 136 related area requirement for CIS to Math 134

The committee had no concerns regarding this change

4. MnSCU Policy: Baccalaureate Graduates

Pemble moved. Bakke seconded to approve the following policy:

All baccalaureate graduates need to have at least 40 semester credits in upper division courses.

The committee felt that the policy could be applied to entering freshmen but not fair to change the policy for existing students. Bette Midgarden felt this policy would impact only a few students as most meet the 40 credit requirement now. She asked Les Bakke to generate a printout of the number of graduates the requirement would have affected last year. She will also contact Manuel Lopez, Associate Vice Chancellor for State Universities, for clarification of how implementation of the policy is to be handled. MSU might need to establish an appeal process.

Bakke moved to table until further information is available.

Hart seconded the motion.

Motion to table carried unanimously.

5. Suspension Policy Change

Bakke moved. Krause seconded to approve the suspension guidelines as follows:

Change criteria #2 of the Suspension Guidelines from "attain a spring semester GPA of 2.25 (students whose semester GPA is 2.00-2.24 may appeal)" to "attain a current semester GPA of 2.00"

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

6. Review of Pending Items

The 1995/96 B/B1 ad hoc subcommittee report was distributed to members and will be discussed at greater length when the remaining members are elected to APAC.

Internship site agreements and insurance concerns will be discussed at the 9/17/96 APAC meeting. VP David Crockett will attend that meeting to discuss insurance coverage for MSU students involved in internships. Department Chairs and Internship Coordinators have been invited to attend and asked to bring a copy of their site agreements with to the 9/17/96 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m

Gloria Riopelle