

Minutes of the Undergraduate Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2000
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Robert Wilkins, chair; Delmer Davis, secretary; Allen Bernet, Thomas Chittick, Gerry Coy (for Wes Shultz), Paul Denton, Meredith Jones-Gray, Karen Graham, Joe Greig (for Malcolm Russell), Patricia Mutch, Michel Pichot, William Richardson, Bradley Sheppard, Patrick Williams

**VOTING MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Dave Penner

**NON-VOTING MEMBER
PRESENT**

Don May

INVITED GUEST

Joe Greig

PRAYER

The committee continued to review suggested revisions for "Part I: Admissions" of the Undergraduate Programs Manual, beginning with the section on "Probationary Admission" (C, 3). Bob Wilkins reminded the committee of the presentation made by Gerry Coy during the March 9 meeting regarding the present "remedial" program for FTIAC (First Time in Any College) students. He raised a question as to whether a somewhat specific description of this program should be included in the Manual. Don May emphasized that the FTIAC group was only one part of the academic probation group. He presented overheads and handouts describing the numbers of students on academic probation in the College of Arts and Sciences who are not FTIAC when admitted but who fall into the academic probation category after they begin to take classes at Andrews. He explained that the standard GPA analysis of how a student is doing is incomplete in that it does not take into consideration load levels and difficulty of classes attempted. He noted that AP students are notorious for working the system and for using the audits or withdrawals as a way of keeping their GPAs up. He explained the OAS system he has devised to weight grades, loads, and difficulty of courses. He also explained the guidelines and contracts he uses for AP students.

**CONTINUATION OF
REVIEW OF
SUGGESTED REVISIONS
FOR THE
UNDERGRADUATE
PROGRAMS MANUAL:
SECTION ON
"PROBATIONARY
ADMISSION"**

Gerry Coy raised his concern that the present 12-credit per term limitation on loads for AP students is too confining in a program that is carefully guided and includes courses like EDPC 115 and GTEC 110 and 115—courses intended to evaluate student problems and to assist them with success in other courses. Considerable discussion followed about various issues related to AP students. How many quarters should students be allowed to remain on AP? How often should deans make exceptions for course loads for AP students? What should the SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) policies be? Should the SAP policies only relate to financial needs or should there be academic SAP policies that are separate from those used for financial aid? Bob Wilkins distributed the "new" SAP" policy for the semester system and noted that it is more stringent than the past policy.

The committee voted that Gerry Coy and Don May draft appropriate policy statements relating to academic probation admission and continuation for the various portions of the Undergraduate Programs Manual. These policy statements will be taken first to the subcommittee on academic policies and then to the Undergraduate Council.

Bob Wilkins began a discussion about down-sizing the Undergraduate Council membership. He noted that Pat Mutch had requested that all committees on campus consider a reduction in total memberships to allow for more time for teaching preparation and research. Members suggested various options. Could the "presidential" appointees be expendable? Was it necessary to have so many ex officio members?


The committee voted that the academic deans (in their Deans Council) consider the option of selecting two representatives to the Undergraduate Council as voting members and that all other deans be considered advisory members, welcome whenever they could attend.

**OTHER CONCERNS
RAISED ABOUT
ACADEMIC PROBATION
STUDENTS**

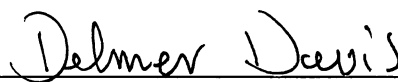
**VOTED: GERRY COY
AND DON MAY TO
DRAFT POLICIES FOR
ACADEMIC PROBATION
PROCEDURES**

**DOWN-SIZING OF THE
UNDERGRADUATE
COUNCIL**

**VOTED: DEANS TO
SELECT TWO VOTING
REPRESENTATIVES;
OTHERS TO BE
ADVISORY MEMBERS**



Bob Wilkins, chair



Delmer Davis, secretary