

Academic Affairs Committee
Monday, December 15, 2008
3:45 – 5:15 PM
Frost Academic Commons

Minutes
Draft

Present: Liz Ahl, Annette Holba, Dick Hage, David Zehr, Linda Levy, Gene Fahey, Mark Fischler, Robin DeRosa, Gene Martin, Deb Tobine, Kyle Mallinger, Stephanie Halter
Absent: Sam Miller

- I. Approved November 17, 2008 Minutes
- II. Old Business
 - a. *Attendance Policy Follow Up.* The committee had a discussion of the new absence policy. Gene Martin reported on the discussion at Student Senate. The committee had a short discussion of potential for unfair applications of the policy.
- III. New Business
 - a. *Nature of Individual Enrollment.* Topics courses, Independent Study. The committee discussed the difference between a topics course and independent study and whether students should be allowed to enroll in a topics course as an individual enrollment. The committee affirmed the current policy and the interpretations by David Zehr.
 - b. *Academic Advising Evaluation Process.* Gene Martin reported on the resolution passed in the Student Senate to develop and implement an Academic Advising evaluation by the Spring 2009 semester. The committee had a wide ranging discussion about: the merits of evaluating advising, the logistical details with implementing such an evaluation, and how the results of the evaluation would be used. Linda Levy and Kyle Mallinger agreed to put together a draft survey for our next meeting. Once we have reviewed a draft the AAC will share the draft with both the Faculty Welfare committee and the Council of Chairs before implementation.