

Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee
2005-06
Minutes
February 27, 2006

Time: 9:30 – 10:45 am
Place: 200C Whitewater

Present:

Markus Pomper, NSM, Chair
Lora Baldwin, Library
Margaret Thomas Evans, HFA
Denise Bullock, BSS
Greg Barton, HFA
Michele Curry, Nursing

Invited, but not present

Liz Domosi, Student Leader
Ben Young, Dean of Students

Absent

Cheryl Stolle, Education

The committee discussed the student code of conduct procedures.

Student Leader Liz Domosi was not present but had sent an e-mail explaining the objections that student leaders had against the current draft of the procedures document. She stated that the students would like to see the possibility of a legal representation at hearings. Student leaders proposed to inquire whether student legal services from Bloomington would be available, or whether local lawyers could be retained on a pro-bono basis. Members of the committee expressed doubt regarding the feasibility of either proposal, but will ask the student leaders to enquire about both possibilities.

Discussion of Part II (Student Disciplinary Procedures). It was decided to leave the question regarding legal representation open until an agreement with the student leaders can be reached. Major changes in the procedure, when compared to the existing draft were as follows:

- Streamline the paragraph regarding “Simultaneous Acts or Academic and Personal Misconduct”. (II.A.3)
- Appeals of the faculty member’s decision (II.B.4.c): Allow for only one type of review at the division level, ie, remove (2) altogether. All further appeals are handled at the VCAA level. Decisions of the division chair can be appealed by both faculty member and the student. Paragraph must be rephrased accordingly. Only findings of the division chair that the alleged act does not constitute academic misconduct will void additional sanctions by the Dean of Students.

- Appeals to VCAA (II.B.5). Remove (b), as it is now obsolete. Merge current (c) with (a) to create a unified appeals process to the VCAA.
- D.4.e.(6) and (7): Remove aspects of the code that deal with university housing.
- D.6. Appeal: Delete the entire section. There is no appeal beyond the hearing board.

The committee identified the following open issues:

- Legal representations.
- Language in II.D.1.c: What is checklisting. We may want to state explicitly what this means.
- Dates: Ben Young should propose reasonable timelines limitations of all aspects of the student code.

The committee adjourned at 10:45 am.