MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY

Thursday, November 2, 2006

Present:  D. Boutin, E. Kanipe, S. Major, S. Pellman (Chair), F. Sciacca, N. Strout, and J. Urgo (ex officio)

The meeting began at 4:10 p.m.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were corrected and approved.

2. The Committee discussed items to be included in reallocation books for chairs, the formats for some of those items, and the timing of presenting the required materials to chairs.

3. The Committee continued discussion of the catalogue, especially the problems with the on-line catalogue, and the possible use of new forms for catalogue changes.

4. The Committee discussed distribution of students’ course choices, as illustrated in data supplied by the Registrar.

5. The Committee discussed the initiation of a study of the Senior Program, as requested by the Academic Council.

6. The Committee discussed first-year issues raised in an email from Professor Thickstun, and decided to obtain more information before replying.

7. The Committee discussed Professor Strout’s draft of a memo to Academic Council to place on the agenda of a future faculty meeting a change to the Faculty handbook to prohibit the election of more than one member of a department to CAP at the same time.

8. The Committee discussed the REAL Program, and similar efforts, and decided to seek more information.

9. The Committee discussed the progress of departmental planning in several departments.

10. The Committee discussed the faculty meeting of Nov. 7, and possible responses to the motion to create a College Seminar Program to replace required sophomore seminars.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Kanipe