

Academic Standards Committee
Report to College Academic Senate
March 2009

At the March 13 meeting:

College Catalog: Final discussions for this academic year before the catalog goes to the printer were held. It turns out that Graphics does not have the authority to make the changes the committee has suggested save the most basic ones.

For this year, Dr. McCall and Leanne will take a copy of the marked up catalog and notes to DO to see if appropriate approval can be obtained before the printer's deadline. The committee is willing to accept that some changes may have to wait until next year's catalog revision process.

For next year, whatever the process must be for making revisions to the catalog needs clarification. It is part of the committee's charge to review the catalog, but no process is in place for actually making extensive revisions.

On a separate note, it was agreed by the committee that the Biology Placement Exam is a prerequisite rather than a placement test taken by every student. A special note needs to be added to the schedule of courses under course notes rather than having the exam included as part of the Placement section in the catalog.

Issue – "I" grades: Extensive initial discussion occurred.

The committee realizes that in order to make any recommendations regarding the "I" grade, a variety of questions must be answered and data gathered. The Campus Senates and Discipline Chairs could help in this. Please see the separate request.

We were notified by graphics that:

April 7-9 – A photographer will be coming around the campuses to take pictures for use in publications.

April 14, MTEC, 9-4:30 - Head shots and testimonials will be taken. If you have students who would be useful in such a situation, please let them know.

Next meeting: April 3, Highland Lakes, Room TBA, 10-12