

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING
Minutes of the Meeting for August 22, 2006

The committee met on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at 11:05 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Bentley, Bradley, Burright, Carlson, Carothers, Crandall, Crosby, D' Anieri, Dickey, Earnhart, Gordy, Ledom, Madden, McNeley, Miner, Mort, Shaw, Strahan, Thompson, and Walton.

MINUTES The minutes for May 9, 2006, were approved with noted changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT Professor Walton welcomed the new members and presented an overview of the College Governance process. A full list of all CUSA members and subcommittee members for 2006-2007 would be distributed at the next meeting. Referencing the 2005-2006 subcommittee year-end reports, he reviewed some of the issues that may be addressed in CUSA for 2006-2007. He specifically mentioned the task force on General Education requirements, the definitive criteria of what constitutes a principal course, and upper division principal courses.

DEAN'S REPORT Dean Steinmetz thanked the members for their service. Based on CUSA's recommendation, a task force had been appointed to look at general education requirements for undergraduate curriculum in conjunction with the Graduate-in-4 program. The charge of the task force is to define the problems and present recommended solutions to CUSA to review and forward to College governance. He conferred with the Provost, who was satisfied with KU's current course offerings and was not prepared to look at general reform of courses at this time. The Provost does support the Graduate-in-4 program and believes summer programs that better reflect the courses that students need to take would positively impact the success of the Graduate-in-4 program. In conjunction with the increased summer course offerings, the College would ask for a greater return of summer tuition (an amount that has remained stationary for a time) which would also positively impact the Graduate-in-4 program. On open versus restrictive admissions standards, the Dean favors a more holistic approach where a number of criteria are evaluated rather than just students' scores. Although Dean Steinmetz does not favor admission requirements by departments to their majors, this is not an issue that will be reviewed this year, and current departmental admissions will remain status quo.

CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT Dr. McNeley reviewed two new updates added to the Academic Standards section of the CUSA handbook. First, the new, university-wide Withdrawal Policy, and second, the Incomplete Grade Policy. On staffing issues, tuition enhancement funds will make it possible to hire three additional advising specialists.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- A. ACADEMIC STANDARDS -- No report.

- B. ADVISING -- Professor Bayer reported a new advising form was being developed.

- C. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

The new Academic Misconduct Policy will be reviewed by University Senate. Specifically sanction 6 of the policy and removal of the extracurricular activities language.

There has been additional gathering of data on the Course Repeat Policy which will be reviewed by the Advising Subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

Professor Carothers reported that at the Board of Regents' last meeting they discussed a possible goal of study abroad for every student and presented an update on the electronic transfer of transcripts.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.