

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING
Minutes of the Meeting for August 28, 2007

The committee met on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Blackmore, Bradley, Burrigh, Carlson, Childs, Crandall, Crosby, D' Anieri, Dickey, Kuczera, Ledom, Madden, Manning, McKay (Guest), McNeley, Mort, Roberts, Shaw, Steinmetz (Guest)

CHAIR'S REPORT Professor Crandall welcomed CUSA members and following the Dean's Report, he announced subcommittee assignments.

DEAN'S REPORT Dean Steinmetz reported that the plus-minus grading proposal, with a projected Fall 2008 implementation, had another level of review by AP&P (Academic Policy & Procedure) as a result of CAC's proposed grade of A+ (with an academic 4-point value). If AP&P did not approve the A+ grade, it would need to return to CAC, but would not need to be reviewed again by CUSA. He also reported on preliminary discussions on the 124-hour requirement for a degree. Most academic institutions used a 120-hour requirement and a four-hour decrease would better align with the Graduation-in-Four Program. On the five main items recommended in the Final Report of the General Education Task Force, Dean Steinmetz stated these were listed in order of importance, with the first item, "Reduce General Education requirements by 12 hours" as the most important. These items had the highest priority for CUSA, but Dean Steinmetz also requested a review of selected admissions in departments and programs with a corresponding plan for students who would not meet the selected admission requirements.

CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT Dr. McNeley reported the enrollment deadline policy would be followed for Fall 2007, and that deadline was September 13, 2007. She reminded CUSA members of the Undergraduate Coordinator Meeting scheduled for September 13, 2007, and the Majors Fair, sponsored by UAC (Undergraduate Advising Center), scheduled for September 25, 2007. In addition, work on the Undergraduate Catalog for 2008-2010 was in progress.

MINUTES The minutes for May 8, 2007, were approved.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- A. **ADVISING & AWARDS**—Dr. McNeley reported last year's subcommittee had awarded \$58,000 in scholarships and awards for the Fall 2007 term.

- B. **CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**—No report.

- C. **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**—Professor Carlson reported they continued to meet during the Summer and had processed 130 petitions. Bridget Bradley, Academic Standards Advisor, presented a handout on changes in data since the new Academic Standing Policy was implemented at the end of Spring 2006.

OLD BUSINESS

Plus-Minus grading was covered in Dean Steinmetz's Report.

Dr. McNeley reported the proposed new University Course Repeat Policy would be going to the Provost and to the Chancellor for final review on September 4, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

Professor D'Anieri reported an open meeting was planned and would be scheduled at the end of September for discussion of the recommendations of the General Education Task Force and that Task Force members would be present.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.