

Committee on Academic Affairs
Minutes of the October 23, 2008 Meeting

Members Present:

Jim Reburn, Chair (Business)
Brad Creed (Ex-Officio)
Nancy Biggio (Ex-Officio)
Don Rankin (Arts)
Bernie Ankney (A&S)
Janie Kennedy (A&S)
John Mayfield (A&S)
Tom Fuller (Divinity)
Charles Ford (Education)
Alyssa A. DiRusso (Law)
Jaro Szurek (Library)
Mary Karlet (Nursing)
Mary Worthington (Pharmacy)

Members Absent:

None.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:15pm.
2. The Chair explained the need to have a special called meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs to formally vote on the removal of the writing proficiency requirement. At our last meeting on October 9th, I along with other members of the committee believed that we were being told of the suspension of the writing proficiency requirement “as information” and that this policy would be implemented as the “provost’s prerogative” as the chief academic officer of the university. I believe that we passed a resolution in support of this decision and recommended that the suspension of the policy take place immediately. My understanding was that this resolution would go to the senate only as information. After talking with Dr. Creed and Robin Synder, it is my understanding now that the desire is for our committee to study this issue. Thus, no action item or report will be forwarded to the senate regarding the possible removal of the “W” course graduation requirement until the committee has had time to study this issue.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.