Committee on Admissions and Standards

2:00 p.m.
May 13, 2013

Agenda

Members present: Charles Milligan, Elvira Casa, Vivian Alley, Sheila Otto, James Robertson, Joshua Harms, Kelly Bloom, Jeanne Fain (via email), Martha Balachandran

Review/Approval of Revised Minutes February 11, 2013

- Motion made and seconded. All voted in favor.

Proposal Department of Speech and Theatre

- Change in GPA for Communications Studies Major
  - Motion made to approve, second, motion carries with one nay vote
- Change of GPA for Communication Studies Minor
  - Not retroactive, for upcoming catalog
  - Establishing 2.0 GPA where none currently exists
  - Motion made, seconded, one abstention, motion carries
- Change of GPA for Organizational Communication Major
  - Change to a 2.0 Minimum GPA instead of allowing them to have to have a C- or better in all classes.
  - There was some discussion as to whether this was lowering the standard for graduation. Concern was expressed by some members.
It was pointed out that many departments have this policy and that problem students will typically have more than one D.

Question was asked…will this impact the overall quality of the program as a whole?

Motion made to approve, second, motion carries with one nay vote

Proposal Department of Psychology

- Residency Hour Changes for Psychology Majors
  - Increase number for core classes required at MTSU. Four year schools had worked with TBR to plan courses that would be counted at community college level versus four-year university level.
  - Requiring 40% of core courses be taken at MTSU.
  - Data suggests less than 2.8% of majors would be affected by this change.

- Residency Hour Changes for Psychology Minors
  - Increase from one to two courses required at MTSU.
  - Discussion ensued about popularity of minor and the positive impact of these changes.

- Motion made to vote at same time
- Motion made to accept both changes, seconded, motion carries.

Request to have the May 13, 2013 minutes approved by email consensus

- Motion made, seconded, motion carries

Adjournment

- Motion made, approved
- Adjourned at 2:28 PM.

*Note: One absent member submitted votes in favor of all via email.