Meeting Schedule
During the 2006-2007 academic year, AP&S met 8 times, roughly once per month. Minutes of meetings were posted to Public Folders.

Actions Taken

The committee referred back to the academic departments the issue of creating more stringent pre-requisites for upper level courses. No word has been reported back from any academic departments regarding this issue.

The committee approved the revision of the College’s Audit Policy, by deleting the following phrase, “Audits are on a space available basis only.” This change allows any student to register for a course as an Audit, if he/she is qualified to attend the course. The College Meeting ultimately ratified this change.

The committee approved revision of the Independent Study Policy, by removing the requirement of an advisor’s signature for approval of an independent study. Therefore, independent studies may be approved with the all of the following: student signature, instructor’s signature, and the approval of the appropriate academic department. The College Meeting ultimately ratified this change.

After much research, deliberation, and feedback from College Meeting the committee approved the reform of the Academic Dismissal Policy. The new policy states: “A student who does not raise his/her from “probation” to “good standing” within one calendar year will be dismissed for one year before being readmitted as a student on probation. After two years of inactive status, the student may choose to take advantage of the Fresh Start Option.” The College Meeting ultimately ratified this change.

The single most studied and revised policy change that the committee worked on this year was On-Time Registration. The committee approved the following new policy that tightens the rules on registration at the beginning of each semester: “The College endorses the policy of On-Time Registration for all students, effective Fall Semester 2007. Under this policy, students may only register for a course before the first class meeting of that particular course. During the first week of the semester, no student may add a course after
the course has begun its first class meeting, without scrutiny and approval of an Academic Dean.” After much discussion in College Meeting, Student Senate, and this committee, the College Meeting ratified this policy. President Schatzberg has stated that she plans to delay full implementation of this policy until spring 2008 semester. In the fall, students will be educated about the change as they register over the summer and early Fall Semester. Also, the President will alter the policy implementation to allow student to add a new course during the first week with the signature of an advisor, instead of an Academic Dean. This change was made to avoid overwhelming delays with hundreds of students making scheduling changes during the first week of class.

After much discussion and research, the committee elected to drop the proposal of eliminating the ABS grade, in order to allow the Financial Aid Office to continue to audit which students, who receive financial aid, have stopped attending their classes.

Finally, the committee recommended that President Schatzberg waive the 30-credit, residency requirement for graduation for a single student who made an appeal to our committee. This student completed all course requirements for graduation, but after receiving well-intentioned, erroneous advising, this student had completed one of her courses via CLEP exam in the Spring Semester that should have been taken on campus to complete her 30 credits taken at our College. This left her 3 credits short of 30 credits taken on campus. President Schatzberg accepted our recommendation and waived the requirement for this one student, so that she could graduate in May 2007.

Suggested AP&S Agenda for 2007-2008

Should credits earned from CLEP exams on our campus count towards our residency requirement for graduation?

Explore with the new Vice President what policy ideas would increase student participation in advising.