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University of Minnesota, Morris  
Scholastic Committee  
Minutes # 9, 2/27/2008

The Scholastic Committee met on 2/27/2008, in IH 217. Members present:

S. Boyd, J. Deane, D. DeJager, K Gonier-Klopfleisch, S. Haugen, L. Hedstrom, D. Magner, B. McQuarrie (Chr), L. Meek (Secy), T. Soderberg, C. Strand

1. Approval of minutes: Minutes # 8 from 2/20/08 were approved.

2. Announcements:

The Faculty Development Committee is seeking topics for the Fall Faculty Retreat and welcomes suggestions.

The First Year Experience Task Force would like to visit all committee and discuss their report and should be invited to SC.

3. Discussion of new deferred course completion agreement form:

The registrar's office has created a new form to be used by all divisions when an incomplete (I) grade is granted for a course. The old form had not been revised since before semesters were instituted. Use of the old form has been inconsistent, and it is hoped that by introducing a new form that can be downloaded from the web, it will become more consistently used. Additionally, since Division chairs will be able to determine from management reporting who is giving incompletes, they can monitor use of the form and frequency of use of the I grade. Division chairs will receive a hard copy of the form after it is imaged at the Registrar's office. Division chairs have been consulted twice on the form and have approved its use.

The committee made many revisions to the draft form and will review it one more time before presenting it to Assembly for information.

4. Academic Integrity edit:

The committee reviewed the insertion of the following sentence into section 2.0 of the Academic Integrity code:

If the student(s) accept the penalty of an "F" grade in the course, the student(s) may not withdraw from the course.

This change was made in response to the request of a faculty member who had failed two students for plagiarism during fall semester. Both students used their one-time late withdrawal W to remove themselves from the class and thus avoid the penalty.

The committee discussed the feasibility of reinstating the registration of a student who withdraws from a class once the penalty of a F has been imposed and whether or not that student would then retain the use of their one time W. It was determined that reinstating the registration was not problematical and that the W would still be available for use.

This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

