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University of Minnesota, Morris
Scholastic Committee
Minutes #1, Sept 10, 2007

The Scholastic Committee met on September 10, 2007, in IH 217. Members present: S. Boyd, D. DeJager (Ex. Asst and USA E.O.), K Gonier-Klopffleisch, L. Hedquist, B. McQuarrie (Chr), L. Meek (Secy), J. Pelletier, J. Schryver, T. Soderberg, J. Pelletier

Guest: J. Morales, Associate V.C. of Enrollment

1. New members were welcomed and the culture and history of the committee was reviewed. The committee consists of 8 faculty/P&A and 4 students. One faculty member serves as chair. In addition, there is a Secretary and an Executive Asst. who work for the committee. Representatives of the Registrar's office, the Administration, Commission on Women and USA also attend and are ex officio. Faculty/P&A and students are voting members.

The committee recommends and oversees policies related to general education, graduation, admissions, functions and awards, probation and suspension, academic integrity, transfer credits, academic alert and grants exceptions to polices based on hardship, institutional responsibility and meeting the spirit of the requirement.

2. Appointed an Academic Integrity Subcommittee made up of Meek (convenor), Pelletier, Schryver, Hedquist, and one more student to be named.

3. The committee considered a document on freshmen academic difficulty and were asked for comments, edits, revisions, etc. The intent is to present this document to the Assembly and ask instructors to be especially concerned with the academic success of freshmen in order to aid in their retention. Editing and reorganization was suggested and the document will be reviewed again at the next meeting before sending it to the executive committee.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Sept. 17 at 1:00 in IH 217.