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University of Minnesota, Morris
Scholastic Committee
Minutes #2, September 18, 2003

The Scholastic Committee met on September 18th in the Community Services Conference Room beginning at 12:30. The next meeting will be on October 2nd in the same location.

Members present: L. Burbank, W. Cox, K. Ellis, N. McPhee, C. Marxen, L. Meek (chair), R.. Richards, J. Ropp, T. Faux, K. Klinger (coordinator), J. Mullin, R. Thielke

1. Petitions: The following petitions were acted upon:

#1105--Allow the student to use the general education designator from the 2001-03 catalog for Th 3303. **Approved.**

#1106—Meet the Fine Arts requirement of the GER based on completion of IS 1321 spring 2003, and a directed study fall 2003. **Approved.**

#1107--Waive the GER History requirement based on meeting the spirit of the requirement and hardship.. **Approved.**

2. Comparative study of students suspended: This discussion was postponed until the October 2nd meeting.

3. Academic Integrity: A sub-committee (B. McQuarrie, convener, R. Heyman, M. Uttke, and C. Specketer) provided the Committee with an updated draft last spring of the 1979 academic integrity brochure. Based on discussions of the draft, McQuarrie provided additional revisions and fine-tuning for our consideration. Chair Meek hopes to send the revised document to the Campus Assembly this fall. Committee members suggested several additional minor changes. For example, we recommended changing passive constructions, such as “instructors shall be provided” to “The Committee shall provide instructors....” We would like to substitute “The integrity of an academic community requires....” for “An academic community of integrity demands....” (paragraph 2). We edited # 1.2 to expand the reporting of violations to non-classroom situations. We liked the changes McQuarrie made in section 2.3, which de-emphasized a student’s guilt or innocence, and recommended removing other references to guilt or innocence appearing earlier in the paragraph. T. Faux, representing the Commission on Women, asked by what standards we would determine guilt or innocence and whether we wanted to consider appropriate penalties for dishonesty in this document. We decided to develop a separate set of guidelines for use by the Academic Integrity sub-committee reviewing cases. Meek will relay the suggested changes to McQuarrie. If feasible, the new policy will appear on a fall Assembly agenda.

4. At our October 2nd meeting, we will discuss repeating courses in which students earn a C- or higher.

The meeting was adjourned.