

ANNUAL REPORT

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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I. Executive Summary

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the Academic & Student Affairs (ASA) Committee addressed issues of mutual concern to both areas. The issues addressed included the Academic Honesty Policy; Copyright Policy; University Admission Requirements; Second Chance Provision; Acceptance of Transfer Credits; Repeat/Recompute Policy; Retroactive Withdrawal Policy; Transfer Policy; Division I Athletics Issue; Thanksgiving Break Proposal; and Academic Suspension Appeal Procedure. The recommendations pertaining to these issues were forwarded through proper channels for review and action and are discussed below.

II. The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)

To review, recommend, and report on policies in the following areas:

1. Academic and/or Student Affairs issues as received from the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, SGA, VPAA, VPSA, individual faculty or staff members, and other sources.
2. Student recruitment, retention, and admissions
3. Support of faculty research and continuing education of faculty.
4. To communicate its deliberations and findings to the President, and after discussion with the President, to the University community

III. The Committee met on the following dates:

August 30, 2010	Quorum
September 28, 2010	Quorum
October 26, 2010	Quorum
November 30, 2010	Quorum
January 25, 2011	Quorum
February 22, 2011	Quorum
March 22, 2011	Quorum

IV. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?

- a. Request made by the Council of Academic Deans proposed changes to the following policies: acceptance of credit from non-regionally accredited institutions; university admissions requirements; second chance provision; and

acceptance of seniors/unclassified students. These modifications were approved and submitted to the VPAA.

- b. Request made by the Council of Academic Deans proposed changes to the repeat/recompute policy and the retroactive withdrawal policy. These changes were approved and submitted to the VPAA.
- c. Changes to the copyright policy were reviewed by our committee. Many of our members suggested changes and this document was returned to the originator for review.
- d. Our committee, with the approval of the Shared Governance Committee, formed a work group to address the Academic Honesty Policy that had failed to gain support from several groups on campus. This work-group submitted their final proposal and it is currently under review.
- e. The Service Learning Subcommittee has received an extension on their end date until October 1, 2011.

V. What does the Committee plan to accomplish in the coming year? In future years?

There are still a few issues that we have not finished discussing that will need to be addressed in the coming year. We will continue to work collaboratively with other groups across campus to ensure that UNA maintains the highest standards.

VI. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

I feel that "timing" is the biggest issue with this committee. Although, I don't know that I would consider it a weakness. The ASA committee works hand-in-hand with several other groups on campus and it is often difficult to work in a timely manner when so much is required to move forward on one issue. I don't think that it is something that must be changed but this is usually our biggest challenge to overcome.

VII. Comments.

The ASA Committee has worked hard this year to address all issues presented. Each member contributed to the success of the committee. It was a great team effort to accomplish all that we did in one year!