

**Minutes of the Undergraduate Student Status Committee**  
**7 Oct 08**

**Members present:**, L.R.Ritter, Steve Hamrick, James Whitenton, Muhammed Obeidat, Charles Duvall, Susan VandeVen

**Ex-officio:** Lydia Niemczyk

1. Review of a Student Petition by Annette Gaylord to withdraw from a course after the deadline was DENIED by the committee. Reason for the denial is that only one of the three courses taken during the semester was being requested for late withdrawal.
2. In the effort to investigate why students have been able stay on deferred suspension for a number of consecutive terms, three petitions that were administratively approved since the Sept. meeting were reviewed. None of the three appeared to be related to the extended deferred suspension status – Steve Hamrick will collect relevant ones in the future for the committee to review.
3. A proposal to re-write the student status explanations as they appear in the catalog was brought to the committee by Steve Hamrick. A move to delete the deferred suspension status was proposed. A more effective suspension status could then be enforced where students who are suspended must remain out of school for a semester. Discussion with a broader audience appeared to be appropriate and effected dept. heads were to be notified and invited to attend an upcoming Undergraduate Student Status Committee meeting before a motion would be entertained.
4. Next meeting: Tues. Nov 4

L.R.Ritter, Chair

Charles Duvall, Secretary