

# Minutes

Undergraduate Student Status Committee

September 8, 2009

12:30 to 1:30 pm, D156

**Members Present:** Chair: Laura Ritter  
Registrar's Office: Brenda Farrell, Khandra Moss  
Faculty: Susan Vandenvende, Hussein Abaza, James Whitenton, Ali Khazae, Jennifer Vandebussche, Pam Frinzi, Laura Palmer

## 1. Election of New Officers

- Susan Vandenvende was elected chair of the committee
- Laura Palmer has accepted the position of recording secretary

## 2. Review of Student Petitions

Petitions reviewed in today's meeting were:

- Menendez, L.: petition returned for further documentation.
- Santa Cruz, J.: petition to withdraw from course after deadline **APPROVED**.
- Stalwarth, A. : petition to withdraw from course after deadline **DENIED**.

## 3. Old Business

### **Cheating (Academic Dishonesty)**

J. Whitenton asked about the policies regarding academic dishonesty and what actions faculty may take. SPSU's statement on Academic Dishonesty is available from the 2008-2009 *Student Handbook*, under Disciplinary Administration and Procedures (Section 1) (<http://www.spsu.edu/student/handbook5.html>).

The issue of academic dishonesty will be noted on the next meeting's agenda for discussion with Steve Hamrick. This issue may be one we want to address at a Faculty Meeting via the formation of a sub-committee.

## 4. New Business

### Attendance Policy

A. Khazae and H. Abaza questioned the University's attendance guidelines and how/if they might affect petitions. In particular, it was not well understood if some schools/departments had discipline-specific policies with regard to attendance. The *2008-09 Student Handbook* at <http://www.spsu.edu/student/handbook.html> provides information on the general university policy.

### Next Meeting

We are scheduled to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12:30. Location TBA for October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Laura Palmer: Secretary

Susan Vande Ven: Chair

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