

CALS Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes for September 7, 2011 meeting

Present: Carroll (chair), Holtz, Luvaga, Youngs, Osborn, Boury, Miller, Anderson, Burnett. From CALS Student Services: Polito, Deaton, Ross.

Chair called the meeting to order 9:00 am.

Carroll reviewed the purpose of the committee and the mission statement. This was followed by discussion of the mission statement. Polito made recommendation for changes: add P&S staff, problem-solving statement. Add: Provides advisors with training, computer access, newsletters, etc. Tom will send suggestions to Melody and will post to CALS website. Hoping for feedback from Advising Academy tomorrow.

Luvaga volunteered to be the committee's representative for the Faculty Senate.

Ross proposed a form for departments to use when setting up a regular community college transfer course equivalency or substitution for a course that comes in to ISU as a different course from a different department. This would allow departments to designate a course outside their department to always count for a specific course requirement within their major. If adopted, it would be for all students and work for all commonly numbered courses from all community colleges in Iowa. This would make the course substitutions consistent within departments. It would also allow prospective students to more clearly see the use of their transfer credits on Transit for a specific major. The committee adopted both forms – use either one to submit changes.

MAP-Works – Youngs reported that we now have three years of data available. He made the point that with students identified as higher (red) risk, we only retained 65% through their first year. In contrast, those identified as lower (green) risk had first year retention rates of 92-93%. There is a CALS user group for MAP-Works. Youngs encouraged advisors of new freshmen to attend.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 am.

Next meeting Monday, October 3, 2011, at 10:00 am in 124 I ED II.

Submitted by,

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