

AARC Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2008  
12:40-2:00

Attending: Lynnyonne Cotton, Joe Lupino, Tom Poundstone, Mary McCall, Rosemary Graham

### 1. Role of the AARC

The AARC has a broad-ranging scope of responsibilities including issues pertaining to:

- Recruitment, admissions & financial aid
- Student retention
- Academic regulations
- Graduation requirements & awards

### II. Previous AARC work:

A. Community Time Assessment: AARC conducted an assessment of faculty participation and satisfaction and concluded that Community Time should be discontinued. The Administration overruled.

B. Turnitin.com Assessment. AARC reviewed the use of this program for 2 years and recommended that the program continue to be required in both Collegiate Seminar and Composition.

C. Freshmen Cohort Advising. After careful assessment, the AARC voted to discontinue Freshman Cohort advising and to revert to a structure where each program has designated freshmen advisors.

### III. Current/Ongoing Work:

- Academic Advising Task Force. Created in response to the Building on Strengths document. Chaired by Russ Tiberii. Chair Cotton will meet with Russ Tiberii to clarify the relationship between the AARC and the AATF.

The AARC needs volunteer to participate in this Task Force.

- Graduation Participation. Currently, seniors can participate in graduation ceremonies if they are 3 courses shy of a degree. Concern about the number of students who never return to finish their degrees has led to a proposal to change the requirement to 2 courses. Discussion will be continued at next meeting.
- Attendance Policy for Athletes. Current policy, as outlined in the Faculty Handbook:

Student-athletes will not miss class for practice. Student-athletes, in the season in

which

- their sport has schedules intercollegiate competitions, will not be penalized for missing class
- because of representing the College in those competitions – so long as the student's absence
- from the class for the purpose of intercollegiate athletic competition does not exceed:
  - 4 classes on the MWF schedule (fall and spring terms)
  - 3 classes on the T/Th schedule (fall and spring terms)
  - 2 classes during a traditional January Term course
  - 1 class per term (fall and spring) for labs and courses that meet once per week
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- Others??