Members Present: T. Walker, (chair); R. Daniel, C. Clemenz for R.E. Sorensen; M. Deisenroth for R. Benson; M.A. Lewis; M. Denbow; T. Mills; J. Penven; C. Wood; S. Ball for L.N. Chang; A. Beringer; J. Mammei; L. Stuhlthedreher; R. Slutzky; R. Oderwald for M. Kelly; E. Kline; C. Koziol.

Members Absent: J. Brozovsky; M. McNamee; D. Ford; R. Avery; S. Quisenberry; J. Davis; G. Schurig; M. Paretti; T. Gardner; B. Wheeler; I. Glennon.

Visitors: Marvin Foushee; Angela Cupp; Woody Ashton; Dr. Barry Simmons

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Tom Walker, Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. University Athletic Committee minutes of February 28, 2007 were added to the agenda. Motion carried.

Report from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

University Athletic Committee – Candi Clemenz moved for acceptance of the February 28, 2007 minutes. Motion seconded. Candice briefly commented on specific issues in the minutes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education - Cindy Wood moved for acceptance of the February 28, 2007 minutes. Motion seconded. There was no discussion concerning the minutes. Motion carried.

Committee on Undergraduate Curricula

Motion was made and seconded to approve the report for “First and Second Reading” of meeting of March 29, 2007. Motion carried.

For “First and Second Reading”

Unanimous Approval

Courses Effective Summer 1, 2007

GEOG 3254 Geography of East Asia (new)

Courses Effective Fall 2007

ART 3704 Topics in Computer Animation (new)
ECE 4530 Hardware-Software Codesign (new)
ESM 3015-3016 Fluid Mechanics I, II (revised)
Courses Effective Spring 2008
BSE 3144 Engineering Analysis for Biological Systems using Numerical Methods (new)
BSE 3314 Computer-Aided Design and Drafting for Land and Water Resources Engineering (new)
CHEM 2424 Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry (new)

New Minor Effective Fall 2007
Minor in Green Engineering

Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2009
Minor in Green Engineering (new)
Biological Systems Engineering, Bioprocess Engineering Option (revised)
Biological Systems Engineering, Land and Water Resources Engineering Option (revised)

Revised Minor Effective Summer I 2007
Real Estate Minor
(Previously approved by CUC on March 1, 2007, for start date of Fall 2007)

● Other Business –
Dr. Barry Simmons, Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, gave an update regarding Scholarships and Financial Aid. He stated on Friday afternoon approximately 6000 awards were sent out for 2007-08 to freshmen, graduate students, transfer students and associate students. He said awards totaled around 35.9 million dollars and the majority was for freshmen and incoming new students. Upper class awards will be given in May or early June once spring grades have been posted and they have had time to check satisfactory academic progress concerning Financial Aid awards. He stated anticipated total financial aid to be awarded for 2007/2008 is approximately 240 million dollars. He stated in February 2006, Congress passed the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This contained revisions of the Academic Competitiveness Grant and the Smart Grant which are additions to the Pell Grant that goes to the very neediest of students. He also stated three years ago the General Assembly passed a law that went into effect with the freshmen entering class of 2006 that if they are an in-state tuition paying student, they can only receive instate tuition for 125% of their required hours towards their degree. Once they reach the 125% they lose their eligibility for in-state tuition and are charged a surcharge. He stated at the college level they are trying to assist and encourage the colleges to award their scholarship monies as a recruiting enticement rather than a reward. In discussion, it was noted the difficulty to get access to aid that is available. He said every college should have a scholarship coordinator. He stated the general scholarship application is live from January to March 11 for freshmen and continuing students.

Lauren Stuhldreher updated the commission on discussions Student House had with Susannah Rinehart regarding student advising. Lauren stated there is an initiative to develop standards of advising. Additionally there is a university wide survey in progress concerning advising which will be publicized once completed. The Student House hopes to have results next week and will work with faculty and the Student Government Association (SGA) regarding the results.
Tom indicated the need to replace several representatives on committees for the upcoming year. He stated the need to replace Jerry Niles on Commencement Committee, and Thom Mills on Academic Support Committee. He noted that Mary Ann Lewis will serve on the Athletic Committee and Thom Mills will Chair CUSP for 2007-2008. Tom stated we will seek replacement representatives for the remaining vacancies; this will be discussed at our next meeting.

● The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by,
Angela G. Cupp
Office of the University Registrar