OFFICIAL MINUTES
ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
November 10, 2005, 3:30 p.m.
Taylor Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Marta Smith, Chair; Steve Mills for Leila Calkins, Carole Dlugasch, Rob Fillmore, Lynne Hansen, Brooke Moran, Sherryl Peterson, Maryette Rogers, Martha Violett, Jessica Young

Members Absent: Harry Heil

Guests Present: Ann Wegert

Marta Smith called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: The agenda for today's meeting and minutes from the September 29 meeting were approved.

New Business:

Student Affairs Website for Student Success – Peterson distributed information concerning a new website called *Mention it for Success*. It is a facilitation tool designed to enable faculty and staff to report concerns which may be related to student success. The reports may be anonymous and will remain confidential. It is a way of letting Student Affairs know of issues so they may implement an intervention at any time. It is not designed only for *Turning Point* or *Jump Start* students. The site is being launched with faculty, but will be available to students to enable them to report concerns about a friend.

Moran asked if there was concern about pranking. Peterson replied that it is a concern, which is why the site is being launched with faculty. It will be made available to selected student groups, such as Resident Advisors and Peer Advisors after meeting with focus groups. She pointed out that with the changing web world, including "wickies" and "Face Book" our web protocol needs to be re-written.

Young added that as the site is explained to colleagues, it should be viewed as an extension of the programs already in place. Phone call are still welcome. She commended the Student Affairs staff on how quickly they are able to arrange professional contact for students with problems.

Petition to Participate in Commencement – Rogers distributed copies of a petition to participate in Spring Commencement from a student who will complete all requirements except student teaching this spring, but is planning to delay student teaching for one year. Moran asked if the Teacher Education Department has concerns about that much lag time between the theory courses and the practicum. After further discussion,

Smith suggested that she research the student's situation and return to the committee with the Teacher Education appraisal next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 3:30 pm. APC will meet in January to evaluate the Student Affairs early intervention efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Prepared by: A. Wegert