

## **Committee on Admissions and Standards**

**2:00 p.m.**  
**May 13, 2013**

### Agenda

Members present: Charles Milligan, Elvira Casa, Vivian Alley, Sheila Otto, James Robertson, Joshua Harms, Kelly Bloom, Jeanne Fain (via email), Martha Balachandran

#### Review/Approval of Revised Minutes February 11, 2013

- Motion made and seconded. All voted in favor.

#### Proposal Department of Speech and Theatre

- Change in GPA for Communications Studies Major
  - Motion made to approve, second, motion carries with one nay vote
- Change of GPA for Communication Studies Minor
  - Not retroactive, for upcoming catalog
  - Establishing 2.0 GPA where none currently exists
  - Motion made, seconded, one abstention, motion carries
- Change of GPA for Organizational Communication Major
  - Change to a 2.0 Minimum GPA instead of allowing them to have to have a C- or better in all classes.
  - There was some discussion as to whether this was lowering the standard for graduation. Concern was expressed by some members.

- It was pointed out that many departments have this policy and that problem students will typically have more than one D.
- Question was asked...will this impact the overall quality of the program as a whole?
- Motion made to approve, second, motion carries with one nay vote

#### Proposal Department of Psychology

- Residency Hour Changes for Psychology Majors
  - Increase number for core classes required at MTSU. Four year schools had worked with TBR to plan courses that would be counted at community college level versus four-year university level.
  - Requiring 40% of core courses be taken at MTSU.
  - Data suggests less than 2.8% of majors would be affected by this change.
- Residency Hour Changes for Psychology Minors
  - Increase from one to two courses required at MTSU.
  - Discussion ensued about popularity of minor and the positive impact of these changes.
- Motion made to vote at same time
- Motion made to accept both changes, seconded, motion carries.

#### Request to have the May 13, 2013 minutes approved by email consensus

- Motion made, seconded, motion carries

#### Adjournment

- Motion made, approved
- Adjourned at 2:28 PM.

\*Note: One absent member submitted votes in favor of all via email.