

Meeting Minutes: March 1997

Present: Debra Basarich, Theresa Baultrippe, Bill Beyer, Carol Cline, Chuck Dahl, Caroline Gilbert, Nancy Gonzalez, Christine Gordon, Sarah Johnson-Wilson, Mary Koskan, Andrew LaChapelle, Sam Lewis, Karl Lorenz, Marni Lucas, Pamela Marsh-Williams, Don Meyers, Sandra Needham, Debbie Nelson, Katy Olson, John Oravis, Kelly Pearson, Steven Pearthree, Jan Reifsteck, Lonna Riedinger, Andrea Scott, Ben Sharp, Kim Swanson Linner, Amy Winkel

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Announcements :

Meeting Date Change -Because of the High School Counselors Conference,

April's RAC meeting has been changed to April 14 in 229 Nolte.

CBS will start admitting freshman for fall 1997. This fall's freshman class will be limited to 100 students. CBS currently enrolls about 650 students; the eventual college enrollment has been targeted at 1000.

Summer Session day Class Schedules are now in the bookstores. Summer evening schedules will be available about April 1.

The American Productivity & Quality Center is now evaluating education. This non-profit organization asked colleges to provide information on quality electronic services. A group of 34 institutions were selected to participate in a conference where two corporations and four universities, including the U of MN, were selected as benchmark institutions.

Student 2000 Update - Four Big10 schools are in the PeopleSoft beta or charter groups. Representatives from these schools were at a recent PeopleSoft conference to assess progress and provide direction. Progress is being made but the complexity is scary. There are 2300 tables in the student software. Of these 700 are shared with the H.R software. Still unanswered are web and degree audit connectivity questions.

Changeover planning is now in progress. By fall 98 the admissions and course systems must be up. Hardware needs for the new system are fuzzy, but we are recommending a Pentium processor with 32 megs of RAM and a 2 G hard drive.

The one school with parts of the system in place says the technical problems are substantial, but the people issues are much more so.

Web Update - Web registration is in place and being advertised. Wallet cards have been printed, see Mary Koskan if you would like a supply. About 1000 students a day are using this system to registrar.

Problems include slow access from some places, obsolete browsers (Netscape 2.02 or later with Javascript is required) , and company firewalls (preventing some types of data transmission to those registering from work). A number of other problems have already been fixed.

Everyone is encouraged to provide feedback on all aspects of the web from basic philosophy, to recommended additions/deletions to correcting of typos.

The Academic Advising Network has developed a model for web assisted advising. Funding has been requested to set this up. Karl Lorenz will present more at the April RAC meeting.

Approval/Refund Dates - Mary Koskan distributed drafts of approval and refund dates for course cancel/adding. These go through Saturday to correspond with CEE's needs and registration system availability.

Summer session presents a dilemma because the approval system uses a universal date; it can not distinguish between the different course lengths. Consensus is that the problems from an early date for college approval are more easily dealt with then a late date; college approval will be set at the end of the first week of class.

OTR has developed a program to delete all unused approvals for a given quarter as of a given date. RAC members would like this process started this winter. The run time should be between the time of the last scheduled class and the first scheduled final exam.

NASIT on Transcripts - Sometime this spring NASIT work will stop appearing on transcripts. The U of MN will follow national recommendations, used by most colleges, of not showing transfer work. The issue is, then, of how to best provide NASIT information to advisers and admissions officers. OTR will meet with college staff to look at use of the APAS system to provide the necessary information.

Gradation Cleared P3 Students - Several students graduated with P3 holds on their records. Two of these had the holds on at the time of clearance. Others had the P3 put on after having cleared. A warning to all clearance staff to look at academic standing at the time of clearance.