

ASH meeting, Nov 16, 2022

Meeting held in person in Caddo Room (rm. 305), LSU Student Union at 3:00 PM

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM by Chairperson Williams.
2. Attendance
Voting members present: Cathy Williams, Suzanne Stauffer, Kanchan Maiti, Kimberly Sparr, Maribel Dietz, Bob Mann, Sanaz Aghazadeh, Christopher Gregg. Proxies for Ipsita Gupta and John Church

Not present: Mustajab Mirza, Kristopher Palagi.

Non-voting members present: Jackie Bach, Michael Blandino, Andrea Jones, Clay Benton, Walt Holliday

Guests: Matt Lee, Interim Vice President for Agriculture & Dean, College of Agriculture; Leonard M. Apar, Wendell Gray Switzer Endowed Chair in Media Literacy; Josh Archote, Reveille reporter; Allie Prest, College of Agriculture; Jack Hamilton, Manship School.
3. Minutes of the October 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve the minutes made by Sue seconded by Mann Motion passed unanimously.
4. The Chair welcomed guests to the meeting.
5. Chair stated that we are abiding by the open meeting law rules. We are open to guests and Mann explained that there is a period of public comment at the beginning of the meeting. We need to set a time limit when the public can talk, but they must only talk about something on the agenda, unless we want to make some ground rules.
6. College of Agriculture proposal to discontinue the direct admission policy. Dr. Matt Lee, Interim Vice-President of Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture, and Dr. Allie Prest, Assistant Dean, commented on the need for the proposal and how aligning with the other senior colleges on campus would be in the best interest of the students. There was discussion about advising and retention. Motion to suspend second reading by Maiti, seconded by Stauffer.
All in favor; zero oppose; zero abstain.
Motion to vote in favor of the proposal by Dietz, seconded by Maiti.
All in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained
7. There was a second reading a proposal from the Department of Accounting in the E.J. Ourso College of Business regarding upper level course transfer credits. Proposal was an updated proposal with suggested edits included, changing to hours based and not course based. Must take 24 hours upper level accounting hours, 3000- level or higher ACCT course hours at LSU. Motion to approve with clarification by Maiti, seconded by Stauffer. All in favor, zero opposed, zero abstained.
8. There was a second reading Proposal from the Manship School of Mass Communication regarding removal of the 3.0 prioritization language for admission to the school. Comments from Len Apar, Manship School of Mass Communication and Jack Hamilton, Manship School of Mass Communication. ASH committee noted that the 3.0 GPA proposal summary only stated removal of the 3.0 GPA requirement. However, the supporting document indicates that there will be more changes to the admission policy such as changing from 30 to 24 hours. No mention of GPA requirement (removing 3.0 but did not mention new minimum).

Clarification on waiver of application requirements (waiver of essay and resume, but do prospective students fill out an application form?). On page 4 of the supporting document, the Proposed Policy 202 Language is much different than the Original Policy 202 Language.

The ASH committee noted that the proposal summary did not include all of the proposed changes and that those should be included on the summary page.

Recommendation to return proposal and suggest further edits for clarification, with third reading to take place at the December meeting.

9. The committee then discussed comments sent in about the Blackbaud process for scholarship applications and award management. The system appears to be better for undergraduate awards than for graduate awards. School of Business sent comments on Blackbaud process. Discussion also around the need to configure the system to work better for us. Concern expressed about wasted faculty hours on dealing with the system.
10. Meeting adjourned (motion by Dietz, seconded by Maiti) at 4:10 pm.