MINUTES
ADVANCED STANDING COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2003

Following is a summary of the April 10, 2003, meeting of the Advanced Standing Committee.
Members present: Cheryl Bailey, Janet Chmar, Joyce Cain, Michelle Coffman, Patrick Dennis, Gert Heslin, Niki Neal, Carol Oandasan, Marie Rynn, Dr. Sharon Robertson, Donna Vandevender, Dr. Bruce Wahl, and Cammy White, Chair. Members absent: Dr. Nancy Aiello, Harold Corker, Dr. John Sartorius.
Guest: Holly Frost.

1. The Committee enjoyed its annual “food meeting” and agreed to continue this tradition next year.

2. The minutes of the February 13, 2003, meeting were approved as amended.

3. Holly Frost from the Emergency Medical Technician program brought to the committee a chart delineating the credits that NVCC may award students for the Basic EMT Certification (National or Virginia), for Cardiac Care Technician (Virginia – EMT – CT) and for the National Registry and/or Virginia Paramedic (NREMT-P). This chart shows the credits to be awarded before Fall 2000, Fall 2000 – Spring 2003, and after Fall 2003. The chart will be entered into the “College Credit Through Advanced Standing Booklet, 2003-2004” and also posted on the web. Ms. Frost stated that EMT is an ever changing field and therefore there is a need to update frequently the credits to be awarded. Many of the EMTs are veterans of 20 or even 30 years and the College needs to have a way to grant appropriate credit. Their certifications must be kept current throughout their careers. She further discussed that these students are excellent candidates for the PLACE program and will be advised to pursue it. When awarding credits, the certifications have to be in the student’s file. Evaluators should ask for the original to copy and they should note that the certifications have been copied from the original.

4. The committee discussed the problems the transcript evaluators and counselors are having getting information on accreditation status of colleges and universities. For years the College policy has been to determine the accreditation status of U.S. institutions of higher education by referencing the “Transfer Credit Practices of Designated Educational Institutions” put out by AACRAO. However it has become impossible to get current copies of this publication. It was noted that AACRAO is one of the institutional memberships that NVCC has discontinued to save money. In addition to the need for the booklet, registrars explained that membership allows them to attend AACRAO meetings, vote at those meetings, and receive updates throughout the year. Ms. White said she would contact Dr. Hinton to see if the decision to terminate our membership could be rescinded as our advanced standing policy for awarding transfer credit is based on this publication. (Following the April 10th meeting Ms. White found a reference to other accrediting sites. The American Council on Education has a publication “2001-2002 Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education (2002)” edited by Kenneth A. Von Alt. ACE is currently up-dating this publication. Campuses have been notified about this publication and several are ordering copies. At the next meeting of the Advanced Standing Committee, an agenda item will be a recommendation to adopt this publication as our official resource.)

4. It was announced that the official CLEP score for the Spanish and French Level I tests is 50; the official CLEP score for Level II for French is 62 and for Spanish is 66. The effective date for these scores is February 2003.

5. Ms. White brought to the committee a recommendation from the Alexandria Campus Automotive Program changes in the credits to be awarded in Auto Body for ASE Certification Tests:
   a. Body Repair (B1) should no longer be granted credit.
   b. Credit recommendation for Painting and Refinishing (B2) is AUB 118 for 4 credits.
   c. Credit recommendation for Non-Structural Analysis (B3) is AUB 106 for 4 credits.
d. Credit recommendation for Structural Analysis and Damage Repair (B4) is AUB 116 for 4 credits.

The committee recommended acceptance of these changes.

6. The Advanced Standing portion of the “Curriculum Services Manual” was presented to the committee for possible revisions. Dr. Robertson explained the background of this manual and noted that it, as well as VP Baker’s updating of the “Administrative Services Procedures Manual,” needs to be consistent. A few suggestions were put forth. The policies regarding Tech Prep need updating to show that the Tech Prep co-directors evaluate the Tech Prep credits.

7. It was suggested that Tech Prep coordinators need to include the registrars in the circulation of their newsletter.

8. Ms. White will get in touch with Joe Beene (ADJ, AN) to see if he has been able to find out anything about the credit recommendations by ACE for the Marshall’s School in Glynco, GA.

9. It was recommended and approved that all mention of ICTS be removed from the “College Credit Through Advanced Standing” booklet.