Minutes of February 21, 2011 Meeting
The minutes of the February 21, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed. Dr. Robertson provided an update on the status of recommendations made at that meeting.

CLEP Update: Foreign Language Levels I and II
The committee considered information from Ms. Zina Jemison about equivalency to Level I and Level II foreign language. She received the information from Operator 60177 at The College Board. He noted that a score of 50-62 is equivalent to Level I proficiency and 2 semesters of credit; a score of 63-80 is equivalent to Level II proficiency and 4 semesters of credit.

ADJ Advanced Standing for FCCJA and PWCCJA
Ms. Jo Ann Short, chair of the ADJ Cluster, presented a proposal to grant advanced standing to NOVA students who completed training at FCCJA and PWCCJA. She and Dennis Staszak (ADJ, WO) reviewed the training provided by the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy (FCCJA) and the Prince William County Public Safety Training Academy (PWCPSTA). Ms. Short stated that both academies follow state-mandated objectives. She said she is very confident that students have more than met NOVA’s objectives for the courses for which we propose to grant advanced standing credit. FCCJA is accredited by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The Academy serves the Fairfax County Police Department, the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office, the towns of Herndon and Vienna and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal’s Office. The Prince William County Police Department has been nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) since 1987.

Ms. Short and Mr. Staszak recommend an updated list of courses for which equivalent credit should be given to graduates of these academies who attend NOVA. The Advanced Standing Committee considered and approved these proposals at our April 25, 2011 meeting. The advanced standing will allow FCCJA and PWCPSTA graduates to meet up to 32 credits toward the Administration of Justice AAS, which requires a total of 66 credits; students would still have to take some ADJ courses at NOVA. Specific equivalencies are outlined in the attached documentation.

To receive the advanced standing credit for either training academy, students must present a letter of verification with a seal on it from the academy; this is what students do now so it is not a change in process. We recommend that this be approved to become effective immediately for students who have graduated from FCCJA or PWCPSTA in Fall 2010 or later.

The Advanced Standing Committee approved the proposal and will forward it to the Curriculum Committee.