Academic Policies, Standards, and Advising Committee
*Report on Double-counting Courses*
May 2007

**Part I: Background**
In November 2005, the Academic Policies, Standards, and Advising Committee of Faculty Senate was charged to “consider whether we should implement a college-wide policy on double counting classes between majors and minors. The current situation is that every department has its own, or no explicit, policy. Most say ‘no more than 2 courses between majors/minors,’ but there may be some variation on that.” This original charge was expanded to include the question of coursework between two majors.

**Part II: Current Status**
- Women’s & Gender Studies: no more than 2 courses may double-count with any other SUNY Potsdam major or minor
- Anthropology: no more than 2 courses may double-count for any additional major or minor
- English: no more than 2 courses beyond the core may be used to satisfy both English and Communications
- Business Administration: no more than 2 courses may double-count across programs in the BA department and with the Economics & Employment Relations department
- Economics & Employment Relations: no more than 2 courses may double-count across programs in the department
- Environmental Studies: no more than 2 courses may count between this major and the required minor
- Museum Studies minor: no more than 2 courses between this minor and its co-requisite major
- Pre-law minor: no more than 2 courses may double-count between politics major and this minor
- Various departments prohibit taking a major and minor in the same department.

**Part III: Fact Finding**
- The campus-wide poll conducted in 2005-2006 resulted in widely varied opinions on double counting.
- There were strong expressions both for and against a single policy.
- No consensus was reachable.

**Part IV: Recommendations of the APSA Committee to the College**
- We not recommend a campus-wide policy on double-counting of courses
- We recommends that each department should determine, publish, and enforce its own policies as it deems appropriate.
- When policies conflict between departments, APSA highly encourages cooperation between Chairs and Deans in applying their policies in a collegial and fair manner.