Membership

Members of the Committee on Academic Standing during the 2009-2010 academic year included:

Fall semester:
Alex Trayford (Chair), Mike Berg, Alberto Bianchi, Rachelle DeCoste, Mark Hoesly, Pat Brown Santilli, Lee Williams, Justina Easow '11 and Jonathan Wolinsky '10

Spring semester:
Alex Trayford (Chair), Michael Berg, Alberto Bianchi, Mark Hoesly, Mark LeBlanc, Pat Brown Santilli, Lee Williams, Paul Thomas Bruemmer '12 and Jonathan Wolinsky '10

The Committee met 27 times during the Academic Year and will meet for three more to vote the class and consider any additional petitions (May 20), Academic Review (May 26), and the subsequent review of appeals (June 25). One sub-committee was formed: Appellate Subcommittee (Rachelle DeCoste, Alex Trayford).

Petitions for Academic Exceptions

The committee reviewed 285 petitions (2 fewer than 2008-2009), approving 83% (a 6% decrease over last year), denying 17%. Most frequent petitions presented to the Committee are:

- Petitions to carry a reduced course load (three classes) or to drop/withdraw from a class. This constituted 65% of all petitions received (an 8% increase over last year). Drops prior to the drop deadline have been approved, with advisor’s signature;
- Petitions to carry more than a 5.5 course load (most frequently approved with advisor/departmental support);
- Petitions for Off-Campus Study exceptions (a mix of both below the prerequisite GPA and waiver of Senior Residency);
- Late add/change in Pass/Grade/Fail option (most frequently denied);
- Foreign languages substitution (approved when presented with documentation and appropriate course substitutes);
- Petitions to add a course late (approved with instructor support);
- Retroactive withdrawal/drop of a course that the student did not actually take (approved when confirmed by the instructor);

Academic Standing

The committee presented students for graduation in October 2009 and February 2010. The annual list in May is forthcoming.

The committee held an Academic Review meeting on January 6, 2010 (to determine students placed on Academic Probation, returned to Good Standing, Suspended or Academically Dismissed), followed by an appeal meeting on January 15, 2010.

The committee reviewed 131 students. Following are the results from the meeting.

- 37 students were restored to good standing
- 56 students were placed on probation
- 31 students were suspended
- 6 students continued on probation
- 1 student was academically dismissed

Eighteen students appealed their suspension status, fifteen were approved to return on probation for the spring 2010 semester, three petitions were denied.

The spring semester Academic Review will be on May 26 with appeals being considered on June 25.
Scholarships/Fellowships

- The committee met twice to award Wheaton Foundation monies. The total awarded was $7225.45.

- Wheaton Honors: The committee selected four students as recipients of three Honors Convocation awards: Epstein Award – Kathleen Carroll ‘10; A. Howard Meneely Prize – Amelia Chaney ‘10; Sally Gale Gilman Awards – Sarah Amin ’10 and Gabriel Amo ’10.

- Graduate Scholarships: The Committee met to select winners of graduate scholarships. The committee awarded the Lange Fellowship to: Sarah Amin - $5,000, Cheryl Areson - $3000, Amelia Knight - $5000, Kiersten Pfeifer - $5000, Elizabeth Reagh - $3000, Pujita Vaidya - $5000 each; Stampler-Paresky Fellowship: Jonathon Leczar and Jennifer Salazar - $3400 each; Ruby Fellowship: Amanda Daly, Kristen Fahey, Laura Peters, Ebony Williams - $1000 each; Wieand Fellowship: Sherri Conklin, Amanda Nelson, John Smith-MacDonald - $2100 each.

- National Scholarship Competitions: CAAS nominated 22 students for the Fulbright Scholarship (Winners as of May 14, 2010: Stefana Albu, Thomas Neill Brandon, Katrina Hegeman, Anna Littlehale, Eli Lovely; First alternates – Rayna Clarke, Matthew Congdon, Noemi Goff-Pochat, Robert Manguso, Cassandra Warnick)

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Berg, Psychology
Alberto Bianchi, Italian Studies
Rachelle DeCoste, Math/Computer Science
Mark LeBlanc, Computer Science
Pat Brown Santilli, Registrar and Dean of Academic Systems
Alex Trayford, Chair, Associate Dean of Studies

Mark Hoesly, Dean of Academic Advising and Career Services
Paul Thomas Bruemmer ‘12, Justine Easow ’11, and Jonathan Wolinsky ’10