Membership

Members of the Committee on Academic Standing during the 2010-2011 academic year included:

Alex Trayford (Chair), Alberto Bianchi, Rachelle DeCoste, Mark Hoesly, Clinton O’Dell, Pat Brown Santilli, Lee Williams. Student representatives: Justina Easow ’11 and Adin Lenchner ’12

The Committee met 26 times during the 2010-2011 academic year and will meet three more times to vote the class and consider any additional petitions (May 19), Academic Review (May 27), and the subsequent review of appeals (June 9). One sub-committee was formed: Appellate Subcommittee (Rachelle DeCoste).

Petitions for Academic Exceptions

The committee reviewed 309 petitions (24 more than 2009-2010), approving 90% (a 7% increase over last year), denying 10%. 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 62% of all petitions received (a 3% 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 2010 and February 2011. The annual list in May is forthcoming.

The committee held an Academic Review meeting on January 6, 2011 to determine students placed on Academic Probation, returned to Good Standing, Suspended or Academically Dismissed, followed by an appeal meeting on January 14, 2011.

The committee reviewed 123 students. Following are the results from the meeting.

- 44 students were restored to good standing
- 45 students were placed on probation
- 21 students were suspended
- 9 students continued on probation
- 4 students were academically dismissed

Thirteen students appealed their suspension status, eight were approved to return on probation for the spring 2011 semester, five petitions were denied. Three students appealed their dismissal status, one of which was approved with the other two denied.

The spring semester Academic Review will be on May 27, 2011 with appeals being considered on June 9, 2011.

Scholarships/Fellowships

- The committee met twice to award Wheaton Foundation monies. The total awarded was $7175.00.
Wheaton Honors: The committee selected two students as recipients of Honors Convocation awards: A. Howard Meneely Prize – Seth Robinson ‘11; Sally Gale Gilman Award – Eric Eid-Reiner ‘11

Graduate Scholarships: The Committee met to select winners of graduate scholarships. The committee awarded the Lange Fellowship to: Kathleen Knapp - $7500, Tanya Harrison - $7500, Amanda Iwunze - $7500; Stampler-Paresky Fellowship: Shannon Witter - $2250; Ruby Fellowship: Jared Duval, Julia Dekermendjian, Carrie Prior - $1100 each; Wieand Fellowship: Seth Cosimini, Philip Demers, Nora Rasanen - $1900 each.

National Scholarship Competitions: CAS nominated 14 students for the Fulbright Scholarship. Winners as of May 10, 2011: Kate Cronin (Argentina), Erin Ryan (Russia), Nadila Yusuf (Bangladesh); First alternates – Erin Jaske (Norway).

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachelle DeCoste, Math/Computer Science
Alex Trayford, Chair, Associate Dean of Studies
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