Membership

Members of the Committee on Academic Standing during the 2012-2013 academic year included:

Bill Goldbloom Bloch, Tommasina Gabriele, Clinton O’Dell, Pat Brown Santilli, Alex Trayford (Chair), Alex Vasquez, Lee Williams. Student representatives: Alex Butcher-Nesbitt ‘15, Benjamin Dibble ‘14

The Committee met 29 times during the 2012-2013 academic year and will meet three more times to vote the class and consider any additional petitions (May 16), Academic Review (May 22), and the subsequent review of appeals (June 6). One sub-committee was formed: Appellate Subcommittee (Tommasina Gabriele and Clinton O’Dell).

Petitions for Academic Exceptions

As of May 7, 2013, the committee reviewed 271 petitions (45 fewer than 2011-2012), approving 95% (a 2% increase over last year), denying 5%. Frequent petitions presented to the Committee are:

- Petitions to carry a reduced course load (fewer than three classes) or to drop/withdraw from a class. This constituted 60% of all petitions received (a 4% decrease 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);
- Early graduation (approved with documentation that all required coursework will be completed)

Academic Standing

The committee presented students for graduation in October 2012 and February 2013. The annual list in May is forthcoming.

The committee held an Academic Review meeting on January 4, 2013 to determine students placed on Academic Probation, removed from Academic Probation, Suspended, or Academically Dismissed, followed by an appeal meeting on January 15, 2013.

The committee reviewed 100 students. Following are the results from the meeting.

28 students were removed from probation
46 students were placed on probation
17 students were suspended
8 students continued on probation
1 student was academically dismissed

Thirteen students appealed their suspension status, nine were approved to return on probation for the spring 2013 semester, four petitions were denied. One student appealed their dismissal status and was denied.

The spring semester Academic Review will be on May 22, 2013 with appeals being considered on June 5, 2013.
Faculty Legislation

At the November 2012 faculty meeting, the members of CAS brought before the faculty a proposed change to faculty legislation concerning the definition of “good academic standing”.

At the April 2013 faculty meeting, the members of CAS held a discussion with faculty on the topic of legislation regarding Incompletes and No Grade designations. A straw poll was taken, followed by an in-progress online survey.

Scholarships/Fellowships

- The committee met twice to award Wheaton Foundation monies. The total awarded was $6799.49.

- Wheaton Honors: The committee selected three students as recipients of Honors Convocation awards: A. Howard Meneely Prize – MacKennan Graziano ‘13; Sally Gale Gilman Award – Lara Geis ‘13 and David LeBlanc ‘13

- Graduate Scholarships: The Committee met to select winners of graduate scholarships. The committee awarded the Lange Fellowship to: Kyle Glass ‘11 - $10,000, Lindsay Stobie ‘10 - $7500, Currie Touloumtzis ‘10 - $4400; Stampler-Paresky Fellowship: Eric Eid-Reiner ‘11 - $4500; Ruby Fellowship: Kenneth Monroe ‘12 - $1800; Wieand Fellowship: Jennifer Pierce ‘13, Brittany Watts ‘13 - $2600 each.

- National Scholarship Competitions: In the fall semester, CAS interviewed 23 students for the Fulbright Grant/ETA. Winners as of May 9, 2013: Rasheeda Abdul-Musawwir ’13 (Bangladesh), Lucy Cayard ’13 (Germany), Lindsay Cieslik ’13 (Malaysia), Lindsay Powell ’13 (Malaysia), Lovina Tata ’12 (Ukraine). Alternate: Caroline Isaacs ’13 (South Korea)

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Goldbloom Bloch, Math/Computer Science
Tommasina Gabriele, Italian Studies
Clinton O’Dell, Theater

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