Membership

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

Alex Trayford (Chair), Tommasina Gabriele, Mark Hoesly (fall 2010), Rochelle Leibowitz, Clinton O’Dell, Pat Brown Santilli, Alex Vasquez (spring 2012), Lee Williams. Student representatives: Paul Thomas Bruemmer ’12 and Felicia Stewart ’14

The Committee met 31 times during the 2011-2012 academic year and will meet three more times to vote the class and consider any additional petitions (May 17), Academic Review (May 24), and the subsequent review of appeals (June 7). One sub-committee was formed: Appellate Subcommittee (Tommasina Gabriele and Clinton O’Dell).

Petitions for Academic Exceptions

The committee reviewed 316 petitions (7 more than 2010-2011), approving 93% (a 3% increase over last year), denying 7%. 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 64% of all petitions received (a 2% 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 2011 and February 2012. The annual list in May is forthcoming.

The committee held an Academic Review meeting on January 5, 2012 to determine students placed on Academic Probation, removed from Academic Probation, Suspended, or Academically Dismissed, followed by an appeal meeting on January 13, 2012.

The committee reviewed 142 students. Following are the results from the meeting.

47 students were removed from probation
50 students were placed on probation
27 students were suspended
11 students continued on probation
3 students were academically dismissed

Nineteen students appealed their suspension status, thirteen were approved to return on probation for the spring 2012 semester, six petitions were denied. One student appealed their dismissal status and was denied.

The spring semester Academic Review will be on May 24, 2012 with appeals being considered on June 7, 2012.
Scholarships/Fellowships

- The committee met twice to award Wheaton Foundation monies. The total awarded was $2625.14

- Wheaton Honors: The committee selected two students as recipients of Honors Convocation awards: A. Howard Meneely Prize – Michelle Lipkin ’12; Sally Gale Gilman Award – Raphael Sweet ’12 and Kimberly Nash ’12

- Graduate Scholarships: The Committee met to select winners of graduate scholarships. The committee awarded the Lange Fellowship to: Tanya Harrison ’11 - $3500, Alison Mehlhorn ’11 - $3500, Rebecca Sieburth ’11 - $15,000; Stampler-Paresky Fellowship: Phillip Hamilton ’12 - $4000, Emily Hughes ’12 - $2000; Ruby Fellowship: Eli Lovely, Adena Spadaro - $950 each; Wieand Fellowship: Lauren Reddy ’09, Victoria Schuppert ’12, Kaylie Thompson ’09 - $1900 each.

- National Scholarship Competitions: CAS nominated 23 students for the Fulbright Scholarship. Winners as of May 15, 2012: Hannah Allen (Bulgaria), Stephanie Antetomasso (Estonia), Mary Bisbee (Czech Republic), Leah-Perle Bloomenstein (Russia), Amanda-Joy Febles (Indonesia), Margaux Fisher (Taiwan), Zachary Ginsburg (Poland), Padric Gleason (Mexico), Kristin Petroff (Turkey), Raphael Sweet (Thailand); Alternates – Ian Sloane (Sri Lanka), Alexandra Wilson (Malaysia).

Respectfully submitted,

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Rochelle Leibowitz, Math/Computer Science
Clinton O’Dell, Theater
Pat Brown Santilli, Registrar and Dean of Academic Systems

Alex Trayford, Chair, Associate Dean of Studies
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