Membership

Members of the Committee on Academic Standing during the 2014-2015 academic year included:

**Fall 2014:** Jocelyn Emerson, Shelly Leibowitz, Kate McCaffrey, Christina Riggs-Romaine, Pat Brown Santilli, Alex Trayford (Chair), Jonathan Walsh. Student representative: Marguerite Dooley ’16

**Spring 2015:** Shelly Leibowitz, Kate McCaffrey-Kenny, Pat Brown Santilli, Alex Trayford (Chair), Javier Trevino, Steven Viveiros, Jonathan Walsh. Student representatives: Avi Anshika ’16, Francisco Tamargo ’17

The Committee met 27 times during the 2014-2015 academic year and will meet three more times to vote the class and consider any additional petitions (May 14), Academic Review (May 20), and the subsequent review of appeals (June 3). One sub-committee was formed: Appellate Subcommittee – Fall: Christine Riggs-Romaine, Jonathan Walsh. Spring: Javier Trevino, Jonathan Walsh.

Petitions for Academic Exceptions

As of May 8, 2015, the committee reviewed 309 petitions (53 fewer than 2013-2014), approving 89% (a 4% decrease over last year), denying 11%. 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 58% 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);
- Early graduation (approved with documentation that all required coursework will be completed)

Academic Standing

The committee presented students for graduation in October 2014 and February 2015. The annual list in May is forthcoming.

The committee held an Academic Review meeting on January 6, 2015 to determine students placed on Academic Probation, removed from Academic Probation, Suspended, or Academically Dismissed, followed by an appeal meeting on January 14, 2015.

The committee reviewed 112 students. Following are the results from the meeting.

- 29 students were removed from probation
- 55 students were placed on probation
- 21 students were suspended
- 3 students continued on probation
- 4 students was academically dismissed

Seventeen students appealed their suspension status, ten were approved to return on probation for the spring 2015 semester, seven petitions were denied. Two students appealed their dismissal status. One was approved to return for the spring 2015 semester. The other was approved for a retroactive medical leave of absence.

The spring semester Academic Review will be on May 20, 2015 with appeals being considered on June 3, 2015.
Faculty Legislation

No changes to faculty legislation were presented.

Scholarships/Fellowships

- The committee met twice to award Wheaton Foundation monies. The total awarded was $7500.

- Wheaton Honors: The committee selected four students as recipients of Honors Convocation awards: A. Howard Meneely Prize – Charlotte Fressilli '15 and McKenzie Kuhn '15; Sally Gale Gilman Award – Alex Butcher-Nesbitt and McKenzie Kuhn.


- National Scholarship Competitions: In the fall semester, members and non-members of CAS interviewed 26 students applying for Fulbright Grants. Winners as of May 8, 2015: Brittany Chick ’14 (Uruguay), Clancy Connelly ’15 (Macau), Delanie Honda ’14 (Malaysia), Jonathan Gerkin ’15 (Slovakia), Courtney Gilman ’15 (Germany), Lindsay Koso ’15 (Bulgaria), McKenzie Kuhn ’15 (Sweden), Erika Prince ’15 (Turkey), Susan Skaza ’15 (South Korea), Elaine Yuan ’15 (Taiwan). Alternates: Sarah Estrela ’15 (Brazil), Cecilia Kruger ’15 (Estonia).

Respectfully submitted,

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