Membership

Members of the Committee on Academic Standing during the 2017-2018 academic year included:

Fall 2017: Sally Buckley, Clinton O’Dell, Alireza Shomali, Scott Shumway, Alex Trayford (Chair), Steven Viveiros, Brandon White. Student representatives: Alana Franklin, Eman Haj Alkhdair, Elizabeth Caroline Heistand

Spring 2018: Sally Buckley, Tripp Evans, Alireza Shomali, Scott Shumway, Alex Trayford (Chair), Steven Viveiros, Brandon White. Student representatives: Eman Haj Alkhdair, Maya Yalkin

The Committee met 26 times during the 2017-2018 academic year and will meet two more times: Academic Review and the subsequent review of appeals.

Petitions for Academic Exceptions

As of May 15, 2018, the committee reviewed 362 petitions (15 less than 2017-2018), approving 96% (the same percentage as last year) and denying 4%. 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 67% of all petitions received (a 1% 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 2017 and February 2018. The annual list in May is forthcoming.

The committee held an Academic Review meeting on January 5, 2018 to determine students placed on Academic Probation, removed from Academic Probation, Suspended, or Academically Dismissed, followed by an appeal meeting on January 15, 2018.

The committee reviewed 132 students. Following are the results from the meeting:

- 36 students were removed from probation
- 50 students were placed on probation
- 39 students were suspended
- 6 students continued on probation
- 1 student was academically dismissed

Thirty-one students appealed their suspension status, 21 were approved to return on probation for the spring 2018 semester, 10 appeals were denied. One student appealed their dismissal status and was approved to return for the spring 2018 semester.

The spring semester Academic Review dates are June 1 and June 19, 2018.
Faculty Legislation

No changes to faculty legislation were presented.

Discussion Topics

The committee discussed a variety of topics, including:
- Discussion of the deadline/number of weeks for course drop/withdrawal.
- Whether suspension should be for one semester or one year.
- Students falling below full-time status.
- Concussion protocol – discussion led by Greg Steele and Cynthia Maricle.
- Changes to CAS form.

Scholarships/Grants

- Wheaton Honors: The committee selected two students as recipients of the A. Howard Meneely Prize – Xi Xu ’18 - $200.

- Graduate Scholarships: The Committee met to select winners of graduate scholarships. The committee awarded the Julia R. Lange Fellowship to Haley Barak ’14 - $3500, Madison Cohen ’16 - $5000, Maria Matrango ’18 - $3500, Nicole Parsons ’16 - $5000, Jacquelyn Richards ’16 - $5000, Rike Sterrett ’15 - $1000; Joseph and Susan Stamplcr-Paresky Fellowship: Rebecca Olivieri - $4000; Jane E. Ruby Fellowship: Nicholas Ccininelli ’14 - $1000, Kristin Mulvey ’14 - $1000; Helen and Irma Weiand Fellowship: Nesli Kohen ’17 - $5000, Jessica Landau ’09 - $5000, Shiqiu Yang ’18 - $5000; Zuriff Scholarship: Mikaela Coombs ’18 - $500.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Buckley, Registrar
Tripp Evans, Art History
Clinton O’Dell, Theater
Alireza Shomali, Political Science

Scott Shumway, Biology
Alex Trayford, Chair, Senior Associate Dean of Studies
Steven Viveiros, Dean of Advising and Academic Success
Brandon White, Associate Dean of Students

Students:

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