

**To:** Steering Committee  
Oakland University Senate

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**Re:** Academic Standing and Honors Committee 2017-18 Annual Report

In the 2017-18 academic year, the Oakland University Academic Standing and Honors (ASH) Committee performed its committee charge:

1. To review, propose, and implement university policies concerning academic probation, dismissal, and readmission;
2. To review petitions from students regarding granting of University Honors and report to the Senate.

The ASH Committee was especially busy in the past academic year in its performance of the first part of its charge. This committee conducted a systematic review of university policies on academic probation, dismissal, and readmission. It also conducted a systematic review of university policies on honors.

ASH Committee brought two small proposals before the University Senate in 2017-18: (a) adding university honors policies to those policies that it falls under ASH Committee's charge to review, and (b) adding the director of the Office of Student Success as an *ex officio* member of our committee. The Senate approved both proposals.

The ASH Committee also presented four draft policy changes to the Senate Steering Committee. The Senate Steering Committee provided helpful feedback on these proposals. ASH Committee anticipates bringing revised drafts of these four proposals before Steering Committee in early autumn of 2018.

More generally, leadership of ASH Committee met with leaders from the Registrar's Office, Advising, Student Success, and Enrollment Management to discuss ways to better serve the vulnerable student populations with whom ASH Committee interacts. The ASH Committee Chair distributed a survey to the various university advising offices to discover differences in current advising policies for students who are dismissed or placed on probation. The ASH Committee Chair made a presentation to OU Senate to report those findings.

The ASH Committee performed the second part of its charge by reviewing dossiers from students who appealed their academic dismissals at the end of the Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Winter 2018 semesters. This work involved online dossier review and in-person meetings. The ASH Committee worked with the Registrar to revise correspondence used with dismissed students, and especially the correspondence with dismissed students who appeal their dismissal.