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Re: Proposal to disband the ASH Committee

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Fri, Nov 22, 2024 at 1:54 PM

To: Kathy Dailey <kdailey2@oakland.edu>

Cc: Amy Banes-Berceli <banesber@oakland.edu>

Hi Kathy,

Thank you. I will plan to complete the report and send it to you and Amy this semester.

I have informed the ASH Committee members of the Senate's decision, and I invited any faculty interested in serving on the new Academic Honors Committee to contact you and Amy.

Best,

Prof. Mathew

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On Fri, Nov 22, 2024 at 11:56 AM Kathy Dailey <kdailey2@oakland.edu> wrote:

Hi Professor Mathew,

Thank you for all of your work on the ASH Committee and bringing the committee to its conclusion properly through governance. A final step will be to submit an "End of Year" Report to the Senate Steering Committee. It would be important to include the rationale and process (voting, etc) for the purpose of senate archives.

Although Amy Banes-Berceli will be reaching out to all committee chairs for these reports in the Spring 2025, we wanted to allow you to submit earlier if it makes sense for you to wrap up the details now.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kathy

On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 1:30 PM Nicole Asmussen Mathew <nmathew@oakland.edu> wrote:

Members of the Senate Steering Committee,

As Chair of the Academic Standing and Honors (ASH) Committee, I am reporting that the committee has voted to disband for the following reasons:

1. The Office of Legal Affairs has advised our committee that numerous changes would be needed to satisfy their concerns about our committee's decision-making processes regarding our review of academic dismissal appeals, including removing students from the committee, adding additional voting members, developing a rubric for decision-making, creating a process for shielding medical information, and ensuring consistency between the dismissal appeal process and the request for exception process.
2. At the same time, a review of the academic dismissal appeal process at other Michigan public universities found that our use of a Senate-level committee was out of step with our peer institutions, which either have a decentralized process or are convened by academic advising or student success offices.

3. To satisfy the concerns of the Office of Legal Counsel and to align with our peer institutions, our committee supports the creation of a multi-unit Committee for Academic Recovery and Success (CARS) under the direction of Academic Affairs. This committee can manage the process of reviewing academic dismissal appeal requests, and would also be better equipped to create interventions and initiatives to help students at risk of academic dismissal.
4. Since the main task of the ASH Committee is to review academic dismissal appeals, there is no need for the committee to continue to remain in place. The ASH subcommittee that administers the Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Award has completed its work for this year, and understands the charge can be managed by another committee.

Best,

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