

Annual Report for the Academic Standing and Honors Committee, 2004-2005

The Charge for the Academic Standing and Honors (ASH) Committee:

To review, propose, and implement university policies concerning academic probation, dismissal, and readmission; to present to the Senate the Registrar's list of candidates for graduation with any recommendations for deletions or additions to the list; and to review and transmit to the Senate nominees for University Honors.

The 2004-05 Academic Standing and Honors Committee included the following members, Judith Hovey, Chair (School of Nursing); Monica Tracey (School of Education and Human Services), Henry Aigbedo (School of Business Administration), Beth Kraemer (Library), Nancy Joseph (English), Rebecca Wickham (Assistant Director University Housing), Ron Sudol (VPAA designate); Charles Clark (Director of ASC); Ivy Horn (Assistant Director of ASC); Lisa Dillon (ASC); Chardin Claybourne (ASC), Matthew Kelly (Student Representative), Tamara Kukuk (Student Representative), & Montrell Porter (Student Representative).

The Academic Standing and Honors Committee met seven times during the 2004-05 Academic year. Four of those meetings were the regularly scheduled meetings to decide on appeals of students dismissed from the university. The committee also met on three other occasions.

On September 7, the committee heard two appeals and granted one. On January 7, the committee heard 15 appeals and granted six. On May 19, the committee heard 30 appeals, and granted 16. On July 12, the committee heard 6 appeals and granted 4.

On December 2, the committee met with Jennifer Gilroy to familiarize the members on the interpretation of student transcripts.

On January 27, the committee met to resolve the use of Incomplete Grades to rescind student from dismissal. This meeting resulted in additional wording in the catalog on p. 78 which will read:

In order to establish a cumulative GPA, a student must receive a numerical grade in at least one course at Oakland University, and in the computation of the cumulative GPA, only those courses at Oakland University for which a student has received numerical grades are used. At the end of each term, incomplete grades will be excluded from GPA calculation and students will be dismissed if their semester GPA is below 2.0 and their cumulative GPA is also below the minimum required level for continued probationary status. Students must provide a copy of the Student Request for Incomplete Grade form to the Academic Standing and Honors Committee along with their dismissal appeal in order to receive consideration for the Incomplete grade. If a course has been repeated, the assigned credits for the course are only counted once in the total number of credits attempted and only the most recent numerical grade received is used. The "honor points" for each course are computed by multiplying the numerical grade received by the number of credits assigned to the course. The cumulative GPA is determined by dividing the sum of the honor points for all courses receiving numerical grades by the total number of credits attempted in courses receiving numerical grades at Oakland University.

Ron Sudol also took the matter to the Chairs Committee to recommend that the procedure for the

use of Incomplete grades be reinforced with the faculty.

On March 28, the committee met to discuss a proposal forwarded by the School of Health Sciences to change the requirements for student placement on the Dean's List. The following suggestions were made by the committee and sent to Tamara Bays, Academic Advisor, School of Health Sciences: 1) that "p" grades be changed to numerical grades, 2) that students with "p" grades in courses that continue over more than one semester apply for exceptions on individual bases, and 3) that the procedure for the use of Incomplete grades be reinforced with the faculty.

The committee also acted on one special appeal from a student who sought academic forgiveness for courses failed during a semester when the student was under unusual duress. The committee asked the registrar to grant a retroactive withdrawal.

Sincerely,

Judith Hovey, Chair
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