

Academic Standing and Honors Committee

Annual Report for the 2012–2013 Academic year

The ASH committee for the 2012–2013 academic year comprised of 5 faculty members representing different academic units and representatives from other parts of the university. The voting committee members were: Eddie Cheng (Mathematics and Statistics, chair of the committee), Kristin Landis-Piwowar (School of Health Sciences), Hong Qian (School of Business Administration), Dan Ring (Kresge Library), and Darren Hanna (School of Engineering & Computer Science). The non-voting committee members were Steve Shablin (Designee of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs in Fall 2012 and Winter 2013, and ex-officio member (Registrar) in Summer 2013); Beth Deverna (Director, The Tutoring Center); Roberta Rea (Designee of Vice President of Student Affairs); and Michelle Piskulich (Designee of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs in Summer 2013). There were three student-members on the committee. They were Rylin Ploe, William Gross with Emily Collins with Kathleen Peterson replacing William Gross in January 2013. In addition, Gale Habashneh (The Tutoring Center) provided administrative assistance in Fall 2012 and Robin White (Office of the Registrar) provided administrative assistance during the entire academic year.

The student-members this year were very active and they provided valuable insights during the deliberation of cases.

At the start of the year, the Senate's charge to the committee was as follows:

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 highlighted part of the charge has not been performed by the committee for a long time. Indeed, the process is now handled by the Office of the Registrar via an automated process. However, there are occasions that a student files a petition to receive University

Honors. The committee proposed that the highlighted part of the charge be replaced by “to review petitions from students regarding granting of University Honors and make its report to the Senate.” The proposal was passed in the Senate in its March meeting.

Prior to 2012–2013, the dismissal cases were handled by the Academic Skills Center (now renamed The Tutoring Center). It is now handled by the Office of the Registrar. The committee proposed adding the Registrar as a non-voting ex-officio member. In addition, the committee supported that a professional adviser be appointed as a non-voting member of the committee. These proposed changes were passed in the Senate in its March meeting.

The regular activities of the ASH Committee this year centered mostly on deliberating on dismissal appeal cases and taking appropriate actions. A total of three regular meetings were held during the year. These committee meetings were held to consider appeals for Summer 2012, Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 semesters. One special meeting was held in Winter 2013. The meeting was called due to a proposal from Wallis Andersen regarding the Early Alert system.

Dismissal details for the 2012–2013 academic year:

- (1) Summer 2012: There were 15 dismissals resulting in eight appeals. Five of them were approved and three of them were denied.
- (2) Fall 2012: There were 89 dismissals resulting in 15 appeals. Nine of them were approved and six of them were denied.
- (3) Winter 2013: There were 91 dismissals resulting in 24 appeals. Ten of them were approved and 14 of them were denied. (This does not include two late appeals which the committee did not consider.)

Continued with the practice in the past, we used a secured online system for managing dismissal appeals.

The chair will like to thank all the members for their dedicated services this year.

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