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To: All Faculty and Staff
From: Academic Standing Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

The committee on Academic Standing handled several cases of plagiarism early in the year with its new procedures and found them to work fairly well. We are delighted to report that cases dropped off precipitously after the first semester and we trust that this is the result of decrease in the offensive behavior rather than non-detection and/or non-reporting of the events.

We also preside over decisions to place students on academic probation and to remove them from the University and would like to report that the new rules for determining the appropriate G.P.A. for such decisions reduce the workload of the committee appreciably.

One long run problem now being faced on an ad hoc basis is how "S" and "U" grades are to be handled in such cases. At present we ignore them except that "U" grades are treated as equivalent to failure. An "S" grade may lead to the retention of a student who would otherwise be dropped only in his early semesters if he has not completed enough work in graded courses for us to be confident that the decision to drop him is sound.

When the faculty government is reorganized, the committee will bring to that body suggestions for a further revision in the procedures for judging cases of alleged academic dishonesty, but for now our present system seems satisfactory.

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