

Academic Standing and Honors Committee

Annual Report for the 2019–2020 Academic year

The ASH Committee had a busy year. In addition to the routine consideration of appeals, the committee proposed two major catalog changes and made a one-semester modification to suspend dismissals in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. We also began work on an academic fresh start policy.

After Summer 2019, 17 students were dismissed. Eight dismissals were appealed and reviewed by our committee September 6, 2019. After Fall 2019, 65 students were dismissed. Seven dismissals were appealed and reviewed by our committee on January 9, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our committee made the decision to suspend appeals following the Winter 2020 semester. Additionally, our committee considered 3 applications for second readmission.

In addition to the routine review of appeals, our committee authored and approved two major catalog changes:

- Dean's List proposal:
 - A change in the requirements for Dean's List from a two-semester Fall-Winter basis, to a one-semester basis, to match other Michigan universities
 - Changing the GPA threshold for Dean's List from 3.5 to 3.6, to match other Michigan universities
 - Adding a President's List for students with GPA of 3.9 or higher
- Academic Probation and Academic Dismissal Policies proposal:
 - Refreshed the wording of the probation conditions to increase clarity
 - Created a distinct section for dismissal policy and clearly specified the student's options after a first, second or third dismissal to increase transparency
 - Changed the names Dismissal Option Status to Academic Dismissal Status and Academic Forgiveness to Academic Probation Reprieve to avoid confusion

Both catalog changes were approved by the Senate in April 2020.

Finally, we began work on an academic fresh start policy that would allow students with poor academic standing to return to OU after a period of several years with a reset GPA. We are still investigating the policies of other institutions and formulating the language for a proposal.

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