

Annual Report
Academic Standing and Honors Committee
Fall 1975 - Winter 1976

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The following is a report on the major activities of the Academic Standing and Honors Committee during the past academic year. A summary of actions taken in the areas of academic standing and honors is attached.

1. Academic Probation and Dismissal Policy. The committee spent most of its time completing work on a new probation and dismissal policy and obtaining the approval of the University Senate and the University Congress. Necessitated by changes in the grading system made in fall of 1974, the new policy addresses itself separately to students enrolled for the first time prior to fall 1976 and to those enrolled at that time and thereafter. The transitional policy for current students does not depart substantially from the previous one. The policy for new students, however, is novel in that through the use of what is termed the Academic Progress Indicator (A.P.I.), the committee will be better able to control numerically N and WN grades in the assessment of student performance. In simple terms the average of numerical grades and N/WN grades as O.O, the A.P.I. will not only provide a gauge of the quality of academic performance but it will also measure more consistently the rate at which students successfully complete courses attempted. The new policies are also designed to provide students with an earlier indication of academic difficulty and to establish a more rational system of probation. The University Senate adopted the new policy on December 11, 1975.
2. Policy Brochure. The committee also drafted a guide to the new probation and dismissal policy in order to inform students of the changes that will result.
3. Readmission Policy. Work was begun on revision of the current readmission policy. If various administrative problems can be solved, the committee will ask the Senate in the fall to modify the policy so that a student's

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admission to the university will not be cancelled after being absent for one semester but would remain in effect for a period of two or three years. The committee feels that such a change may facilitate the processing of returning students and would be more realistic since students interrupt attendance at the university more frequently.

4. Academic Standing Codes. The committee worked with the Registrar and the Computer Center to eliminate imperfections in the program used to report academic standing. Work was also begun on codes for the new probation and dismissal policy.

5. Routine. The committee attended to its routine work: probation, dismissal, appeals and the awarding of university honors.

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SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC STANDING AND HONORS

| ACADEMIC ACTION: | Winter '76 | Fall '75 | Spring/Summer '75. |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Dismissal letters | 153 | 133 | 0 |
| Appeals | 64 | 70 | 0 |
| Appeals denied | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| Dismissals rescinded | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Dismissal Option Program | 43 | 65 | 0 |
| Dismissed | 112 | 68 | 0 |
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| HONORS: | | | |
| Summa Cum Laude | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| Magna Cum Laude | 20 | 11 | 15 |
| Cum Laude | <u>52</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>17</u> |
| | 79 | 33 | 33 |