

Date: April 20, 2022

To: Faculty Senate

From: Paloma Harrison, Scholastic Standards Committee Chair



Re: Report of the Scholastic Standards Committee for the 2021-22 Academic Year

## **I. Membership**

The Scholastic Standards Committee is a constitutional committee, and its members are appointed by the Committee on Committees. Membership for the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Ella Barrett, CS  
 Jonna Lynn Bransford, ISSS  
 Karen Curtin, WLL  
 Jennifer Dahlin, CAP  
 Donald Duncan, ECE  
 Andrea Griggs, AO  
 Paloma Harrison, AO (spring-summer)  
 Jennifer Loney, SB  
 Alyssa Plessner, AO (fall-winter)  
 Abby Schmidt, AO (spring-summer)  
 Liz Shatzer, AO (fall-winter)  
 Randy Spencer, PHL

## **II. Charge of the Scholastic Standards Committee, per the Constitution**

1. Develop and recommend academic standards to maintain the integrity of the undergraduate program and academic transcripts of the University.
2. Develop, maintain, and implement protocols regarding academic changes to undergraduate transcripts.
3. Adjudicate undergraduate student petitions for academic reinstatement to the University.
4. Report to the Senate at least once a year.
5. Act, in all matters pertaining to policy, in liaison with the chairpersons of the Academic Requirements and Curriculum Committees, and the Graduate Council.

## **III. Function of the Scholastic Standards Committee**

The Scholastic Standards Committee maintains the integrity of student academic records at the

undergraduate level and adjudicates on student petitions for changes to the record. This takes the form of requests for retroactive adds, drops, tuition refunds, and withdrawals; grade option changes and grade-to-grade changes; incomplete extensions; and reinstatement following academic dismissal.

The Committee also makes recommendations to the Faculty Senate regarding any alteration of policy or standards that affect the transcript, registration deadlines, and academic standing. As part of the Constitutional charge, the Committee is responsible for the undergraduate academic standing policy, and any proposed changes to it must be vetted by the Committee and approved by the Faculty Senate.

#### **IV. Activities**

The Scholastic Standards Committee meets every other week, year-round. The main activity of the Committee is to read petitions and support materials, review previous petitions and academic records, and adjudicate on the petitions. The report below counts petitions submitted between May 2021 and April 2022. After a sharp increase in Grade Option Change petitions following the P/NP flexibility of AY 2020-21, the number of Grade Option Change petitions is returning to more usual levels.

| Petition Type                | Granted | Pending | Denied | Total |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| Drop or Withdraw with Refund | 75      | 44      | 49     | 168   |
| Grade Option Change          | 23      | 4       | 26     | 55    |
| Incomplete Extension         | 14      | 6       | 0      | 20    |
| Reinstatement                | 41      | 8       | 33     | 82    |
| Add Only                     | 19      | 0       | 19     | 38    |
| Add/Drop                     | 0       | 0       | 0      | 0     |
| Withdraw no Refund           | 13      | 0       | 1      | 14    |
| Total                        |         |         |        | 375   |

#### **V. Gratitude**

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