

Date: April 6, 2020

To: Faculty Senate

From: Michele Miller and Paloma Harrison, Scholastic Standards Committee Co-Chairs

Re: Report of the Scholastic Standards Committee for the 2019-20 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 2019-20 Academic Year:

Michele Miller, IELP
Paloma Harrison, ACS PW5
Jennifer Dahlin, SHAC
Derek Garton, MTH
Jennifer Loney, SBA
Andrea Griggs, EEP
Thomas Schumacher, CEN
Liz Shatzer, ACS PW6
Ryan Wagner, ACS PW2
Donald Duncan, ECE

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 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 Faculty Senate.

IV. Activities

The Scholastic Standards Committee meets bi-weekly year-round, including one extra meeting at the start of each term. The main activity of the Committee is to read petitions and support materials, review previous petitions and academic records, and adjudicate on the petitions.

A. The Committee received nearly the exact number of petitions in 2019-20 AY as the previous year.

Petition Type	2019-20	Granted	Denied	Pending
Reinstatement	126	75	43	8
Drop with Refund	181	119	46	16
Add/Drop Overall (including add, add/drop, drop no refund/withdrawals)	296	180	83	33
Grade option changes	31	21	8	2
Incomplete Extension	19	13	2	4
TOTAL	653	408	182	63

B. In consultation with the Registrar, the committee reviewed the academic reinstatement time line and revised the schedule to reflect that reinstatement petitions must be submitted by Friday of week 0 to be considered for reinstatement in the next term, effective fall 2020.

C. The committee concurred with the Registrar that petitions to waive deadlines for the winter 2020 on the basis of COVID-19 circumstances will be considered on the merits of each petitioner’s circumstances. The committee also agreed that P/NP grades granted in spring term 2020 shall have no impact on GPA, and shall not be included in the Repeat Policy.

V. Gratitude

The Scholastic Standards Committee would like to acknowledge the invaluable, ongoing assistance and expertise provided by the Registrar’s Office, including but not limited to Allison Clark and Luke Norman.