

AAA Committee
Annual Report for Academic Year 2003/04

Members of the Committee

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Dates of Meetings

May 6, Aug. 18, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 1, Dec. 16, 2003;
Jan 7, Jan 28, Feb. 2, Feb. 19, Mar. 4, Mar. 17, Mar. 25, Apr. 15, Apr. 28, 2004.

Activities of the Committee during the Academic Year 2002/03

1. Appeals of Academic Suspension.

The committee met on August 18 and on January 7 and March 17 to hear appeals of academic suspension (or reinstatement) for the semesters following these dates. There were nine appeals of suspension and one petition for reinstatement after suspension at the beginning of the Fall Semester. There were 20 student appeals of suspension at the beginning of the Spring Semester. One student petitioned for reinstatement after academic suspension effective Summer 2004. This petition was considered on March 17.

2. Grade Appeals other Student Petitions.

The committee received several appeals for grades, as well as other appeals related to grade replacement, exclusion, and withdrawal. These appeals were considered in the meetings on Aug. 18, Jan. 28, Feb. 5, Mar. 7, Mar. 17 and Apr. 28.

3. Academic Standards Policy

The committee re-examined the Academic Standards Policy. The policy passed during 2003-04 was inconsistent in that students could be on probation and receive academic honors at the same time. The committee discussed revisions of this policy during its meetings on Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Jan 28. The committee assisted in VCIT in creating a database program that will automatically sort through student's records and identify students who are on probation or suspension. (The chair of AAA met with VC's Young (ES) and Chang (IT), Marcy Heminger (ES), Lutricia Eberly (IT) and Jamie Schnitzius (IT) on Nov.

20). The final version of the policy was presented for a vote in the Faculty Senate on its Feb. 3 meeting, where it passed. The final version of the policy is attached to this report.

4. Extended Grade Replacement (X) Policy

The committee proposed an extended grade replacement policy. This policy was discussed on Sept. 11, Jan. 28, and Feb. 19. It was presented for a vote in the Faculty Senate on March 2, 2004 and passed. The final version of the policy is attached to this report.

5. Student Code of Conduct

The committee reviewed a draft of the Student Code of Conduct as presented by the UFC Student Affairs Committee. Members of the committee reviewed individual portions of the document and reported back the entire committee. The discussions were held on Feb. 5 and Feb. 19. The committee presented a report to the UFC-SAC (attached).

6. Admissions and Referral Policy

The committee met on Oct. 2 and Oct. 9 with interim VCAA Boschman and the Cut-Score Committee (Walter Scott, Math; LeeAnn Adams, Reading; Edwina Helton, Writing) to discuss the ramifications of revising IU East's Admissions policy.

The committee also invited Scot Evenbeck, Dean of IUPUI's School of Liberal Arts for discussion. The committee prepared for the meeting on Dec. 1 and met with Scot Evenbeck on Dec. 16.

Following the visit of Scot Evenbeck, the committee began drafting a new admissions policy. Changes were discussed during the meetings on Jan. 28, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, Mar. 4, Mar. 17, and Mar. 25.

A preliminary draft of the policy was discussed on April 15 with members of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Student Success. Suggested changes to the policy were discussed in subsequent meetings among committee members (Apr. 22 – no minutes) and a meeting of the full committee on Apr. 28.

At the conclusion of the semester, the policy is still in a draft stage, but the successor committee should be able to present it for a vote early in Fall 2004.

Suggestions for charge of AAA Committee in AY 2004-05

1. Finish deliberation on the Admissions Policy
2. Draft an academic forgiveness policy. Such a policy could allow students who return to college several years after a bad start to begin with a “clean” GPA.

Attachments

1. Minutes of meetings
2. Academic Standards Policy (EFS 2/3/04)
3. Extended Grade Replacement Policy (EFS 3/2/04)
4. Report to UFC-SAC
5. Draft of Admissions policy