

Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee Annual Report AY 2005/06

Members of Committee:

Lora Baldwin (Library), Denise Bullock (BSS), Michele Curry (Nursing), Margaret Thomas Evans (HFA), Greg Barton (HFA), Cheryl Stolle (Education), Markus Pomper (NSM), Chair.

Meetings: The committee met on 20 occasions:

August 22, September 7, 21, October 4, 17, November 2, 9, 16, December 7, 2005
January 9, 20, 27, February 13, 21, 28, March 13, 27, April 5, 19, and May 30, 2006.

Charge for 2005/06

1. Bring an academic forgiveness policy to the Senate as soon as it is feasible.
2. Continue to monitor the impact of the revised academic standards policy.
3. Review the process for hearing appeals of students who are making satisfactory progress, even if still on probation, with an eye to simplify the process for both students and the committee.
4. Develop procedures for implementing the new Student Code.
5. Make a formal report to the Senate regarding our campus' compliance with the UFC Intercollegiate Athletics Policy.
6. Review policies & practices regarding "non-passing" grades—W, I, FN, etc.

Progress of Committee's Work

Appeals of Suspension

The committee considered appeals of suspension and reinstatement in its meetings on August 22 and January 9.

In August, 24 students appealed their Academic Suspensions: 1 student was taken off the list after achieving a satisfactory GPA; 12 petitions were approved; 11 were declined. 1 student petitioned for reinstatement and was denied

In January, three students petitioned for reinstatement: two were approved, one was denied; 10 students appealed their academic suspensions: six were approved, four were denied. All students approved were given part-time status. 9 students' suspensions were waived because they had made adequate progress in the Fall semester.

On May 30, the committee considered three student appeals of suspension for Fall 2006. Two appeals were approved with conditions, one was denied.

Grade Appeals

One student requested to have two grades retroactively changed from F to W. The committee considered this appeal during its meeting on May 30 and denied the appeal.

Academic Forgiveness Policy

The committee met on February 21 with Dennis Hicks to discuss the status of the implementation of the academic forgiveness policy. The committee agreed to change the wording in the draft policy in order to make the implementation possible. It is anticipated that the Forgiveness Policy will be presented to Faculty Senate in August.

Academic Standards Policy

The committee asked the office of VCIT to include a reporting feature to the program that determines academic suspension and probation. This request was made in September, but since then no action has been taken to modify the program. Without data that the reporting component would generate the committee decided not to make any changes to the policy. In the suspension cycle for December and May, the VCAA reviewed the students would be suspended and decided to waive the requirement for those who appeared to make adequate progress. This action was taken in consultation with and with the consent of the AAA committee.

Procedures for the new Student Code of Conduct

The committee discussed the student code of conduct in its meetings on February 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, and April 5. A student LEADER was invited to provide input for these meetings. However, the student only attended one meeting. When the procedures were in a near-final draft stage, the student consented orally on behalf of the student LEADERS to the new code. The Dean of Students consented to the final version of the procedures on behalf of the administration. The final version of the procedures was discussed in faculty senate in the March meeting for a first reading, and was passed in the April meeting.

Intercollegiate Athletics Policy

The committee discussed whether Indiana University East is in compliance with the UFC Intercollegiate Athletics Policy. This topic was discussed in the committee's meetings on October 4 and 17, November 2 and 9, December 7, January 20, and 25. In order to compile the report, the committee investigated athletic policies at other IU campuses and at regional Universities in Ohio. In addition, the committee considered the funding and the growth of the athletic programs at Indiana University East. The findings of the committee are summarized in a report, which was presented to the Faculty Senate in its February meeting. The report is also attached.

Non-Standard Grades

The committee discussed the policies for non-standard grades in its September 21, November 16, December 7, and January 25 meetings. Non-standard grades are I (Incomplete), W (Withdrawn) and FN (Failure for Nonattendance). The committee summarized its analysis and recommendations in a report that was presented to the Faculty Senate in its January meeting. A follow-up was given in the February meeting.

The committee recommended that several forms be revised to alert faculty of the policies that govern the non-standard grades.

The revised Incomplete-Report form is attached.

Other business

In its meeting on April 5, the committee discussed the use of checklists in Academic Advising. At issue was whether students who do not declare a major within 24 credit hours could be required to either take a career planning course, or career counseling before a service indicator is removed and they can register for classes. The committee agreed that this is permissible because students have a choice and are therefore not forced to take a certain course. The issue is therefore one of advising and not one of curricular oversight.

New Committee Chair

In its May 30 meeting, AAA elected Michele Curry as AAA chair for AY 2006/07.

Recommendations for Charges for AY 2006/07

- Consider student Grade Appeals, Petitions for Reinstatement and Appeals of Suspension.
- Review effects of Admissions Policy and determine whether students who are admitted conditional make adequate progress to remedy their deficiencies. Review adequacy of Admissions Policy in regards to Graduate Programs.
- Continue to monitor the impact of the revised academic standards policy.
- Consider creating a framework for 2+2 agreements with Community Colleges, possibly in collaboration with the Curriculum Committee.
- Bring an Academic Forgiveness Policy as soon as possible.