

Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee
2005-06
Minutes
May 30, 2006

Time: 9:00 am – 11:30 am and 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Place: DAR

Present:

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

Present during Student Appeals of Suspension:

Belinda Wyss, Academic Advising

Absent

Greg Barton, HFA

The committee first discussed a grade appeal.

Present at deliberation: Denise Bullock, Michele Curry, Margaret Evans, and Sheryl Stolle. Markus Pomper was not present because he had originally assigned the grade under dispute.

The committee met today to discuss the Michael B. Morris grade appeal. Mr. Morris was requesting to have an F earned in Math-M 125 in Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 retroactively changed to a W. The committee reviewed all information gathered to date on the case during the meeting. Markus Pomper (the instructor for both classes in question) was questioned, prior to deliberation, on a few key points and then he excused himself. AAA member Greg Barton was out of town but had voted, in his absence, to deny the appeal.

The committee decided to deny the request principally on two grounds: First, we believe that it would be inappropriate and set a poor precedent on the campus to selectively withdraw a student only from the classes they fail; second, Mr. Morris stated in his letter that he and his family did not know what to do, yet the committee learned from our conversations that he did, in fact, know how to withdraw (he self-withdrew from Eng-W 131) and was advised by Dr. Pomper, in both semesters, to withdraw prior to the withdraw cut-off date. It is the committee's opinion that Mr. Morris made a choice to remain in the classes (even with the knowledge of the medical condition in the Spring semester).

The committee was also concerned that a faculty member did a grade change retroactively. We decided to discuss the issue with VCAA Richards.

The meeting was concluded. Denise Bullock will send a letter to Mr. Morris and VCAA Richards with our decision.

After the grade appeal deliberation, Markus Pomper returned to the committee. The committee then elected Michelle Curry as chair for the AAA committee in AY 2006/07.

Further, the committee heard three students' appeals of suspension. Two were approved with conditions, and one was denied.