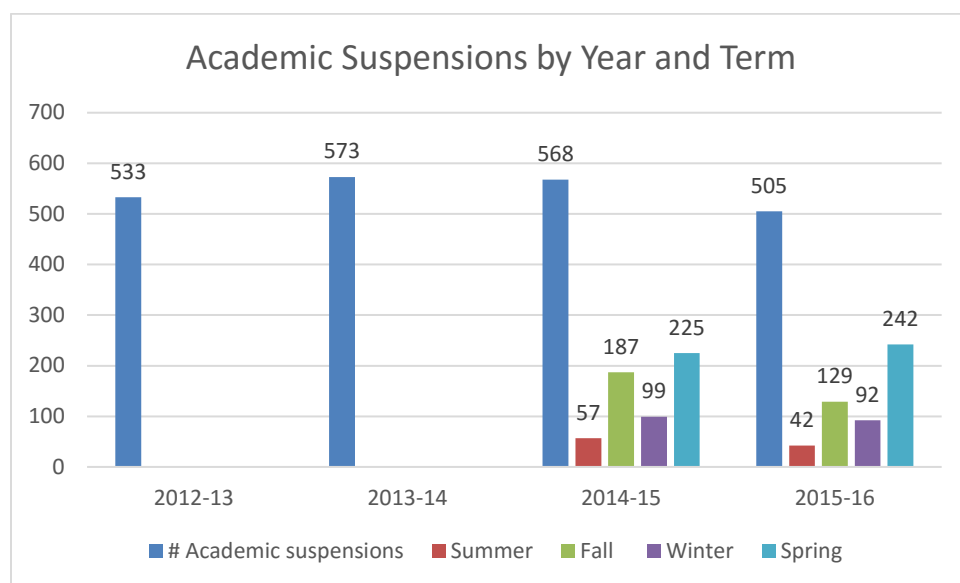


Academic Standing Committee

Annual Report 2015-2016

The Academic Standing Committee (ASC) is charged with implementing Academic Regulation #22 (AR 22) and hearing students who are seeking reinstatement to the University by exception to AR 22.

Over the course of the 2015-16 academic year, 505 undergraduates were suspended from the University for academic reasons, in accordance with AR 22. This compares to 568 undergraduates suspended in the 2014-2015 academic year, and 573 undergraduates suspended in the 2013-2014 academic year. Forty-two students were suspended at the end of Summer term 2015; 129 students were suspended at the end of Fall term 2015; 92 students were suspended at the end of Winter term 2016; and 242 students were suspended at the end of Spring term 2016.

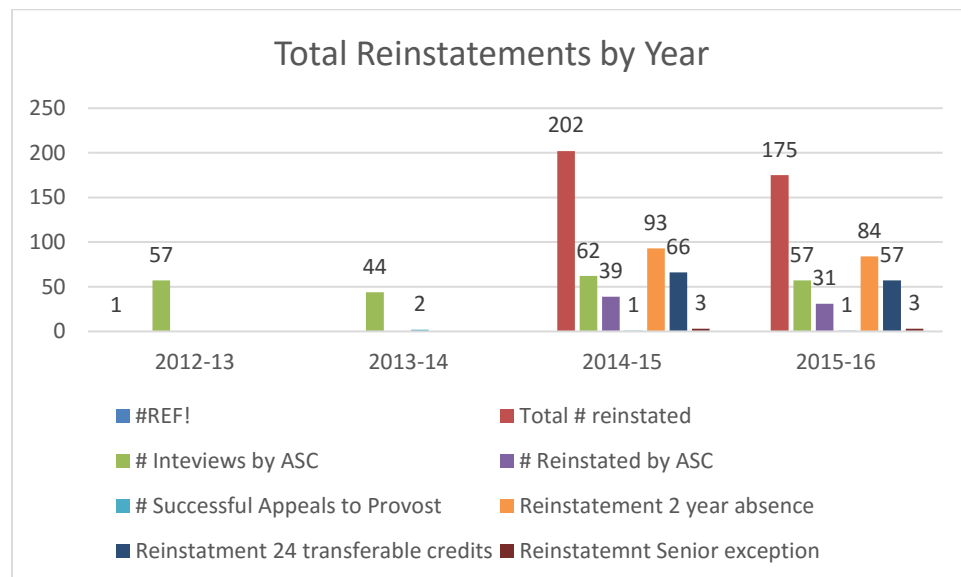


Reinstatement by Exception

The Registrar's Office schedules 40-minute meetings for students requesting reinstatement by exception and who have submitted all of the required paperwork.

The ASC met with 57 students for interviews as part of their requests for reinstatement by exception. Of these students, 31 were reinstated to the University. It should be noted that not all requests for exception in 2015-2016 were those students who were suspended in that year. For example, each term the committee may see students wishing to seek exception that were suspended in prior years. During 2015-2016, four decisions of the ASC were appealed to the Provost's Office. The Provost's office reinstated one of those students' who appealed.

Total Reinstatements



A total of 175 students were reinstated to the University during 2015-2016. The breakdown for these reinstatements is as follows:

Approved Reinstatement by Exception by the ASC petitions: 31
 Reinstatement by Appeal of ASC decision: 1
 Reinstatement based on 2-Year absence: 84
 Reinstatement based on successfully completing 24 transferable academic credits at a community college: 57
 Reinstatement by senior exception: 3

Based on meeting scheduling issues faced by the ASC in past years, committee meetings were scheduled for the entire year and notices of meetings sent out to college advisors and other student support units. The meeting schedule and processes are also posted on the Faculty Senate web site (under ASC) and on the Registrars' web site. In addition, notices regarding student athletes on academic warning and probation are sent each term to the Academics for Student Athletes Office and appropriate advising offices. Deadlines were also determined for when students must submit their paperwork to the Registrars' Office to meet with the ASC (usually 12:00 PM the day prior to the meeting, or until spots fill). The ASC will see all students who meet the deadline for this paperwork; there is also an overflow day in case there are too many students and not enough spots. This process assures students who have completed the paperwork by the appropriate deadline for the meeting will meet with the committee in a timely manner.

Committee Activities

As a follow-up to our work last year on the issue of some students who came before the committee whose suspension was related to not having access to the late withdraw process via Academic Requirements Committee.

The two committee chairs (ASC and ARC) and a representative from the Registrar's office met on this topic. During the discussions it was clear that, in most cases, the Registrar's office would probably be the first to identify students that fell into this category. Due to multiple changes in the Registrar's office and changes in membership, including the change of one of the co-chairs on the ASC, movement on this issue is on hold.

Using a form that was developed during the 2014-15 year, the ASC has been collecting additional student data over the past year. This includes: types of students who are

suspended, e.g.. came in as a transfer, distance education, and a summary of the issue(s) creating academic difficulties (medical, mental health etc...). Due to all the changes on both the ASC and within the Registrar's Office, we have not been able to collate the data and review it for trends or other meaningful information. We will hold onto the data and continue to collect and work with the Registrar's office on the best way to save, store, collate and review the data.

The ASC also meets with new academic advisors during the trainings facilitated by Jeff Malone. We clarify AR 22, exception processes, and what advisors can expect if working with a student who meets the criteria to submit a petition to our committee. Our hope is to continue to outreach to new advisors on campus to train/assist in their understanding of criteria and appropriate referrals to the ASC.

Goals

Our main goal for next year is to revisit the issue of the late withdraw process as related to academic suspension (see above), and consistent data input for further tracking at the end of each term and academic year.

We have lost a few members throughout the year due to moves. There is also been a bit of change in the Registrar's Office over the past year. This next year we look forward to making sure we have good communication within the ASC and with the Registrar's office. We also hope to move forward on data collection and review with regards to student who intersect with the ASC process.

We would like to add 2-3 members to the committee. Vickie will assist us with this process via the Faculty Senate committee interest forms etc...

The Academic Standing Committee would like to thank Ex-Officios from the Registrar's Office: Tom Watts, Shannon Harwood, Sarah Whiteside, George Olden, Nancy Laurence and Rebecca Mathern, for their invaluable assistance with the work of the ASC. We would also like to thank the following committee members for their outstanding commitment to the ASC: Thomas Chastain, Tyler DeAdder, Nathan Walters, Courtney Garcia, Amy Riley and Heidi Wegis (additional members who contributed but left prior to the end of the year Nova Schauss, Clare Colvin and Melanie Jones).

2015-2016 Membership

Martha Smith (v. Ketchum) '16, Co-chair	Disability Access Services
Dan Schwab '17, Co-chair	College of Business
Tom Chastain '16	Crop & Soil Science
Tyler DeAdder (v. Colvin) '16	Mechanical/Industrial/Manufacturing Engr.
Nathan Walters (v. Schauss) '17	School of Psychological Science
TBA (v. Jones) '17	
Courtney Garcia '18	Educational Opportunities Program
Amy Riley '18	Extended Campus
Heidi Wegis '18	School of Biological/Population Health Sci.

Student Members – TBA
– TBA

Ex-officio – Registrar:
Tom Watts (Fall 2015)
Shannon Harwood (Winter 2016)
Nancy Laurence (Spring 2016)
George Olden (Summer 2016)

Executive Committee Liaison – David Bernell