

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS

Annual Report for September 2022 to June 2023

COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP 2022-2023

- Agricultural Sciences: Jason Ahola
- Health and Human Sciences: Tobin Lopes
- Business: Michael Gross
- Engineering: Steve Simske
- Liberal Arts: Jason Frazier
- Natural Resources: Sean Gallen
- Natural Sciences: Alan Kennan (Chair)
- Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences: Jerry Bouma (Fall 2022), Kristy Dowers (Spring 2023)
- Libraries: Scott Wiebensohn
- Office of the Provost (ex officio) Jill Putman and Gaye DiGregorio, University Academic Advising and Outreach

I. MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE-

The Committee on Scholastic Standards met 10 times during the 2022-2023 academic year. Two of the meetings included review of academic dismissal appeals (Fall 2022 and Spring 2023).

Note: While not optimal, committee members reviewed appeal requests online before the committee meetings when they were unable to attend the actual meetings due to short-term or extended travel or other professional conflicts.

07/12/22 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests

Members with excused absence: Jerry Bouma and Michael Gross

09/28/22 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests

Members with excused absence: Jason Ahola and Kristy Dowers

10/26/22 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests

Sue Doe, Faculty Council Chair, joined the meeting

12/07/22 Review of retroactive withdrawals

Members with excused absence: Jason Frazier, Jason Ahola, and Kristy Dowers

01/06/23 Review of academic retroactive withdrawal and academic dismissal requests

Member with excused absence: Jason Ahola and Sean Gallen

02/01/23 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests

Member with excused absence: Jason Ahola

03/01/23 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests

Member with excused absence: Kristy Dowers
 03/29/23 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
 Members with excused absence: Jason Ahola and Tobin Lopes
 04/26/23 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
 Members with excused absence: Jason Ahola, Kristy Dowers, and Tobin Lopes
 06/02/23 Review of academic retroactive withdrawal and academic dismissal requests
 Members with excused absence- Steve Simske and Jason Ahola

II. Retroactive Withdrawal Requests 2021-2022 compared to previous years:

Outcomes	2022-23 (total 201)	%	2021-22 (total 109)	%	2020-21 (total 160)	%	2019-20 (total 155)	%	2018-19 (total 157)	%	2017-18 (total 125)	%
Denied	13	6.5	9	8	7	6.3	4	2.5	9	5.8	8	5.1
Granted	137	68.2	69	63.3	88	78.6	132	82.5	109	71.2	121	77.1
Not Yet Decided (Incomplete)	3	1.5	14	12.8	2	1.8	4	2.5	3	2.0	2	1.3
Partially Granted & Denied	2	1.0	5	4.6	3	2.7	0	0	2	1.3	0	0
Partially Granted – Denied & Tabled	1	0.5	1	0.1	1	0.9	2	1.25	0	0	3	1.9
Tabled	45	22.4	11	10	11	9.8	18	19	30*	19.6*	23	14.7

*Tabled requests may be evaluated in future terms and numbers will be corrected on future reports.

III. Academic Dismissal Appeal Decisions

	2022-23 (total 158)	%	2021- 22 (total 89)	%	2020- 21 (total 61)	%	2019- 20 (total 93)	%	2018-19 (total 188)	%	2017-18 (total 151)	%
Denied	26	16.5	44	49.4	20	32.8	45	48.4	81	43.1	57	37.7
Granted	132	83.5	45	50.5	41	67.2	48	51.6	107	56.9	94	62.3

A. Fall 2022

Original Appeals:

- 61 total appeals
- 0 not eligible and not reviewed
- 3 earned a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (did not need to be reviewed)

Of the 58 reviewed:

- 49 granted with an average 13.8 QPD*
- 9 denied with an average 39.3 QPD*

B. Spring 2023

Original Appeals:

- 109 total appeals
- 4 not eligible and not reviewed
- 5 earned a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (did not need to be reviewed)

Of the 100 reviewed:

- 83 granted with an average 17.7 QPD*
- 17 denied with an average 30.1 QPD*
 - o 7 received information about investigating a potential retroactive withdrawal.

**TIP: QPD = Quality Point Deficiency = number of credits needed with no less than a B grade in the course to repair GPA. Most students can do around 7-10 Quality Points in one semester, and 30 Quality Points is obtainable with 15 credits of only A grades.*

Leadership and Committee Composition

- o Alan Kennan served as chair for the 2022-23 academic year.
- o Kristy Dowers replaced Jerry Bouma on the committee for Spring 2023

Business

The Committee focused on policy and terminology revisions this year regarding probation terminology and the Accelerated Fresh Start and Fresh Start policies which were proposed and approved by Faculty Council.

Changed Probation Terminology

The probation terminology was changed based on negative connotations for “probation” to more asset-based language. Academic Probation will be referred to as Academic Standing and Academic Watch will be used for the first semester in the process and Academic Dismissal Warning will be used for the second semester in the process.

As part of the probation terminology discussions, it was decided that students that earn between 2.0-2.2 gpa, would not be on “academic notice”. Instead, there will be encouragement for advisors and support networks to engage with students who have between a 2.0-2.2 cumulative GPA as necessary to offer support.

Eliminated Accelerated Fresh Start and streamlined the Fresh Start Policy

Based on student outcome data, the Accelerated Fresh Start policy did not increase student persistence and success; the policy was eliminated. To increase accessibility to returning to CSU, the eligibility to use Fresh Start decreased from two years away from the university to one year.

Determined Implementation of the next Fresh Start policy

[Motion on Fresh Start SP23 2 10 2023.pdf](#). Students that are currently in the accelerated fresh start policy process will default into the old policy but can opt into the new policy. Current Accelerated Fresh Start (PX) students who do not receive a semester GPA above 2.0 will be dismissed. However, these students can appeal the decision to the Committee on Scholastic Standards. Previously, no appeal was allowed under the old policy. Current first semester students who earn less than 1.0 GPA this spring will be placed on Academic Probation 1 (soon to be called Academic Watch). No new students will be placed on PX. For students who left the university while on PX. When they apply, they would return on Academic Probation 1 (Academic Watch). If they have been away for at least one (1) calendar year, they can apply for Fresh Start.

Discontinued the S/U Proposal for First Year Students

There was a discussion of an S/U proposal for first year students that was being considered by the Committee along with feedback about the proposal from the Registrar’s Office, Institutional Research, and the Advising Network. It was decided not to move forward with this proposal.

Other Activities

Facilitated updated language about retroactive withdrawals on the website and heard from Jennifer van Norman and Jennie Baran in Student Case Management and Justin Dove from the Student Disability Center to provide an overview of services and student trends.

New Business

For the 2023-2024 year, the Committee will invite representatives from the Health Network and the Women and Gender Advocacy Center to a meeting and streamline the review process of Academic Standing appeals.