

# COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS

Annual Report for July 2023 to June 2024

## COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

- Agricultural Sciences: Jason Ahola
- Health and Human Sciences: Tobin Lopes
- Business: Paulo de Brito
- Engineering: Steve Simske
- Liberal Arts: Eirik Harris
- Natural Resources: Sean Gallen
- Natural Sciences: Alan Kennan (Chair)
- Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences: Kristy Dowers
- Libraries: Scott Wiebensohn (Fall 2023) & Heather Moon (Spring 2024)
- Office of the Provost (ex officio) Sean Wernert-Eighmy & DJ Hightower, University Academic Advising and Outreach

## I. MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE-

The Committee on Scholastic Standards met 10 times during the 2023-2024 academic year. Two of the meetings included review of academic dismissal appeals (Fall 2023 and Spring 2024).

Besides the actual meetings, members typically spend around 3-5 hours reviewing files the week before each of the eight meetings focused on retroactive withdrawal requests, and around 6-8 hours reviewing files the week before the two meetings that also include dismissal appeals.

*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.

- 07/11/23 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
- 10/4/23 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
- 11/1/23 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
- 12/06/23 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
- 01/05/24 Review of academic retroactive withdrawal and academic dismissal requests
- 01/31/24 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
- 02/28/24 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
- 03/27/24 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
- 04/24/24 Review of retroactive withdrawal requests
- 05/31/23 Review of academic retroactive withdrawal and academic dismissal requests

## II. Retroactive Withdrawal Requests 2023-2024 compared to previous years:

Outcomes	2023-24	%	2022-23 (total 201)	%	2021-22 (total 109)	%	2020-21 (total 160)	%	2019-20 (total 155)	%	2018-19 (total 157)	%	2017-18 (total 125)	%
<b>Denied</b>	10	5.32	13	6.5	9	8	7	6.3	4	2.5	9	5.8	8	5.1
<b>Granted</b>	146	77.66	137	68.2	69	63.3	88	78.6	132	82.5	109	71.2	121	77.1
<b>Not Yet Decided (Incomplete)</b>	10	5.32	3	1.5	14	12.8	2	1.8	4	2.5	3	2.0	2	1.3
<b>Partially Granted &amp; Denied</b>	1	.53	2	1.0	5	4.6	3	2.7	0	0	2	1.3	0	0
<b>Partially Granted – Denied &amp; Tabled</b>	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.1	1	0.9	2	1.25	0	0	3	1.9
<b>Tabled</b>	21	11.17	45	22.4	11	10	11	9.8	18	19	30	19.6	23	14.7

## III. Academic Dismissal Appeal Decisions

	2023-24	%	2022-23 (total 158)	%	2021-22 (total 89)	%	2020-21 (total 61)	%	2019-20 (total 93)	%	2018-19 (total 188)	%	2017-18 (total 151)	%
<b>Denied</b>	57	27.1%	26	16.5%	44	49.4%	20	32.8%	45	48.4%	81	43.1%	57	37.7%
<b>Granted</b>	153	72.9%	132	83.5%	45	50.5%	41	67.2%	48	51.6%	107	56.9%	94	62.3%

### **A. Fall 2023**

Original Appeals:

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

Of the 126 reviewed:

- 97 granted with an average 14.68 QPD\*
- 29 denied with an average 38.72 QPD\*

### **B. Spring 2023**

Original Appeals:

- 87 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 84 reviewed:

- 56 granted with an average 11.71 QPD\*
- 28 denied with an average 36.43 QPD\*

*\*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**

- Alan Kennan served as chair for the 2023-24 academic year.
- Paulo de Brito replaced Michael Gross beginning Fall 2023
- Eirik Harris replaced Jason Frazier beginning Fall 2023
- Heather Moon filled in for Scott Wiebensohn for Spring 2024
- Sean Wernert-Eighmy & DJ Hightower joined for the Office of the Provost (ex-officio) beginning Fall 2023

### **Business**

The Committee focused primarily on reviewing retroactive withdrawals and dismissal appeals for this year. No major policy change recommendations were made.

### **Other Activities**

Consulted with colleagues at CSU Online to streamline process for CSU online students needing a retroactive withdrawal for tuition assessment appeal and met with colleagues from the Health Network (Jan Pierce), Office of the Registrar (Mariana Walsh), and Office of Admissions (Katie Stelzer) in an effort to review processes by these areas that are impacted by committee decisions.

**New Business**

For the 2024-2025 year, the Committee will invite representatives from the Survivor Advocacy & Feminist Education Center and the Office of Financial Aid to a meeting and streamline the review process of Academic Standing appeals.