

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS

Annual Report for July 2024 to June 2025

COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025

- Agricultural Sciences: Jason Ahola
- Health and Human Sciences: Tobin Lopes (Vice-Chair)
- Business: Paulo de Brito
- Engineering: Steve Simske
- Liberal Arts: Eirik Harris
- Natural Resources: Derek Schutt
- Natural Sciences: Alan Kennan (Chair)
- Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences: Kristy Dowers
- Libraries: Scott Wiebensohn
- 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 2024-2025 academic year. Meetings to review retroactive withdrawal requests were held on: 7/10/24, 10/2/24, 11/6/24, 12/11/24, 2/5/25, 3/5/25, 4/2/25, and 5/7/25. Meetings to review both retroactive withdrawal requests and academic dismissal appeals were held on: 1/8/25 (Fall 2024 appeals), and 6/5/25 (Spring 2025 appeals).

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.

II. Retroactive Withdrawal Requests 2024-2025 compared to previous years:

Outcomes	2024-2025 (total)	%	2023-24	%	2022-23 (total 201)	%	2021-22 (total 109)	%	2020-21 (total 160)	%	2019-20 (total 155)	%	2018-19 (total 157)	%
Denied	7	3.6	10	5.32	13	6.5	9	8	7	6.3	4	2.5	9	5.8
Granted	147	76.5	146	77.66	137	68.2	69	63.3	88	78.6	132	82.5	109	71.2
Not Yet Decided (Incomplete)	0	0	10	5.32	3	1.5	14	12.8	2	1.8	4	2.5	3	2.0
Partially Granted & Denied	1	0.5	1	.53	2	1.0	5	4.6	3	2.7	0	0	2	1.3
Partially Granted – Denied & Tabled	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.1	1	0.9	2	1.25	0	0
Tabled	36	18.8	21	11.17	45	22.4	11	10	11	9.8	18	19	30	19.6

III. Academic Dismissal Appeal Decisions

	2024-2025	%	2023-24	%	2022-23 (total 158)	%	2021-22 (total 89)	%	2020-21 (total 61)	%	2019-20 (total 93)	%	2018-19 (total 188)	%
Denied	54	25.5	57	27.1%	26	16.5%	44	49.4%	20	32.8%	45	48.4%	81	43.1%
Granted	159	74.5	153	72.9%	132	83.5%	45	50.5%	41	67.2%	48	51.6%	107	56.9%

A. Fall 2024

Original Appeals:

- 140 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 131 reviewed:

- 99 granted with an average 17.66 QPD*
- 32 denied with an average 36.82 QPD

* QPD = Quality Point Deficiency = the number of grade points below those required to earn a GPA of 2.0 (the target point total is twice the GPA credits). The QPD is the number of B credits required to restore a 2.0 (half the QPD is the number of required A credits).

B. Spring 2025

Original Appeals:

- 92 total appeals
- 7 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:

- 60 granted with an average 14.98 QPD
- 22 denied with an average 35.95 QPD

Leadership and Committee Composition

- Alan Kennan served as chair for the 2023-25 academic year.
- Derek Schutt replaced Sean Gallen for the academic year, during the latter's sabbatical.
- 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)

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 in the international office to discuss the impact of retroactive withdrawals on international student status. Also met with a representative from Financial Aid (Elizabeth Reynolds) to discuss the financial aid impacts of committee decisions.

New Business

For the 2025-2026 year, the Committee will participate in an ongoing discussion of desirable reforms to campus-wide procedures for student appeals.