

## CAS Annual Report, 2003-2004

Members of the CAS 2002-03:

Jennifer Delton, History (chair)

David Vella, Mathematics and Computer Science

Robert Turner, Government (Fall semester only)

David Peterson, Art and Art History (replacing Bob Turner, spring semester)

Jon Ramsey, Dean of Studies

Ann Henderson, Registrar

Rebecca Bilbro, '04

Regular visitors (nonvoting):

Tina Levith, Associate director, Dean of Studies

Dave DeConno, Associate Registrar

The Committee on Academic Standing (CAS) met weekly during the year and held two Academic Review sessions, one in Jan. 2004 and one in June 2004. In addition to hearing petitions and requests, and generally upholding the academic standards of Skidmore College, the CAS also enacted several new policies.

### Policy discussions and decisions

" CAS and Academic Rigor - On Oct. 3, 2003, Dean Joseph visited CAS to discuss if CAS saw itself as having a role to play in increasing the academic rigor on campus. This led to several weeks of spirited discussion, the upshot of which was that CAS contributes to academic rigor by upholding and enforcing the academic standards of the college. The committee decided against any new initiatives on its part.

" Disruptive Student Policy - discussed and approved

" Dean of Student Affairs and Academic Review - On Nov. 14, 2003, Dean Oles met with CAS to discuss if his office can contribute information on social infractions with regard to those students who have fallen below academic standards and about whom CAS is considering a waiver. Dean Oles' reasoning was that CAS would be less likely to grant a "second chance" to those students whose social behavior had a detrimental effect on campus life if it actually knew about those social behaviors. After much discussion and many concerns, the CAS agreed to have the Dean of Student Affairs contribute information to the CAS at the beginning of the Academic Review, much as HEOP does. Tina Levith wrote up new guidelines to this effect. The policy was deployed for the first time in the January 2004 Academic Review, with uneven results. These problems were addressed, and Dean Oles' participation in the June 2004 review went smoother. The information from Dean Oles did influence CAS's decision to disqualify rather than grant waivers.

" Deadline for FL substitution requests - no later than the end of junior year.

" Chronic illness, disabilities, and ADA - On March 2, 2004 Dr. Glenn Egelman and Cynthia Guile visited CAS to discuss the usefulness of our two withdrawal limit.

" "Two Course limit" for students on personal leave? - CAS reconsidered the need for this policy, which limits the number of courses for which a student on personal leave can receive

credit. This limit existed to prevent students who had been denied permission to study abroad would take a personal leave, study abroad, and petition for credit. Cori Filson reported that this is no longer a problem. CAS decided to rescind two course limit for people on personal leave in US, who can now petition for up to eleven credits, but will no longer allow any credit for non-approved study abroad programs. See guidelines.

" Asterisks and the commencement program - For a variety of reasons, these asterisks denoting August graduates may be unnecessary. CAS discussed and decided to keep them.

Academic Review (courtesy of Patty Ivory)

January 2004 2007 2006 2005 2004 Total

Disqualifications 7 4 7 4 22

Leave-Waiver 3 4 3 0 10

Waivers 3 2 5 3 13

June 2004 2007 2006 2005 Total

Disqualifications 3 9 4 16

Leave Waiver 4 1 1 6

Waiver 5 2 4 11

Statistical Information, 2003-04 (courtesy of Patty Ivory)

Study Abroad

Approved Academic Leaves for Affiliated Programs - 74

Approved Academic Leaves for Skidmore Programs - 70

Denied Academic Leaves for Affiliated Programs - 3

Denied Academic Leaves for Skidmore Programs - 2

Approved Academic Leaves for Non-Affiliated Programs - 78

Denied Academic Leaves for Non-Affiliated Programs - 1

Dean of Studies Office

Approved Personal Leave - 34

Approved Personal Leave Extension - 6

Approved Medical Leave - 25

Approved Medical Leave Extension - 7

Change in Status Requests (cancellations and change of venue) - 53

Approved Readmit - 6

DQ Appeals - 6

Registrar's

Add/Drop Approved - 199

Add/Drop Denied - 25

Grade Change approved - 10

Grade Change denied - 15

Overloads approved - 8

Withdrawals approved - 39  
Withdrawals denied - 3  
Miscellaneous approvals - 32  
Miscellaneous denials - 5

The Chair of next year's CAS remains unknown at the current time. Next year the Committee will look something like this:

Jennifer Delton  
David Peterson  
Rik Scarce (replacing Bob Turner)  
Grace Burton, Interim Dean of Studies  
Ann Henderson, Registrar  
[student rep]  
Regular visitors (nonvoting):  
Tina Levith, Associate director, Dean of Studies  
Dave DeConno, Associate Registrar

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Delton, chair, CAS  
July 19, 2004