CAS Annual Report, 2012-2013

Members of CAS

Katie Hauser, Chair, Art History

Susan Walzer, Sociology

Cathy Gibson, Environmental Studies

Emily Paull, SGA Student Representative, Spring 2013

Corey Freeman-Gallant, Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Policy & Advising

Dave DeConno, Registrar

Regular Visitors (non-voting)

Beth McPhee, Academic Advisor

Kim Marsella, Associate Director of Academic Advising

Sharon Clemmey, Assistant Registrar (January-June)

Tina Breakell, Associate Director, Office of Off-Campus Study and Exchange

Summary of Activities

The Committee on Academic Standing (CAS) met weekly during the academic year, and held two Academic Review sessions, one in January, 2013, and a second in June, 2013. In addition the committee held a separate end-of-the-year Academic Review session for graduating seniors in May, 2013. The Chair of the CAS also participated with the ADOF and the Registrar in readmission application meetings in December, 2012.

During its weekly meetings, the CAS heard petitions and requests from the offices of Academic Advising (OAA), the Registrar, and Off-Campus Study and Exchange (OCSE). In each case, the petitions brought before CAS involved deviations from the college's established academic standards, and it was the committee's obligation to determine whether or not the petitions could be accommodated without compromising Skidmore's commitment to academic excellence.

In addition to the above responsibilities, this year's CAS, after consulting with appropriate committees (such as CEPP, CAFR, Curriculum Committee), instituted a number of changes. I have included the Handbook or website location so that you can easily check on the current policies: 200- and 300-level courses in the humanities and social sciences may fulfill all-college breadth requirements (II, G); policy and procedures governing course substitutions for all-college requirements (II, G); guidelines for transfer credit (course duration and contact-hour criteria) (http://cms.skidmore.edu/registrar/tcp.cfm #1); the disruptive student policy (II, N); and GPA criteria for study abroad (II, D, 4).

Next year CAS will consider conflict of interest issues regarding faculty/staff and their dependents/partners.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Hauser Chair of CAS

Composition of CAS AY 2013-2014

Chair, Cathy Gibson, Environmental Studies
Katie Hauser, Art History
Eric Morser, History
Corey Freeman-Gallant, Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Policy & Advising
Dave DeConno, Registrar
SGA student representatives: TBA

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