

Committee on Academic Standing (CAS) Annual Report, 2017-2018

Members of the CAS (voting)

Hope Casto (Chair), Education Studies
Christine Page, Management and Business
Kurt Smemo, Environmental Studies and Sciences
David DeConno, Registrar
Ron Seyb, Associate Dean of the Faculty
Henry Jaffe, student representative
Miller Fina, student representative

Regular Visitors (non-voting)

Cori Filson, Director, Office of Off-Campus Study and Exchanges
Kim Marsella, Director of Academic Advising
Elizabeth McPhee, Academic Advisor
Shannon Phillips, Assistant Registrar

Summary of Activities

The CAS engages in shared campus governance. The committee brings together members of the community (including faculty, administrators, staff members, and students) who share a commitment to equity in access to academic opportunity. The committee strives to maintain open channels of communication with other committees across campus. CAS sent a representative to the Committee of Committees meeting each semester, as well as to meetings with Committee Chairs and the President.

The committee met weekly during the academic year from September through May. The committee's weekly meetings are used to consider student petitions brought from the offices of Academic Advising, the Registrar, and Off-Campus Study and Exchanges (OCSE). These are petitions on a number of important issues, including course scheduling, late withdrawals, study abroad, and general academic performance, that have an impact on the academic experience of Skidmore students.

The committee held two Academic Review sessions: January and June 2018. At these end-of-semester Academic Review sessions, CAS considers all students who, in the most recent semester and over their time at Skidmore, have failed to satisfy the minimum continuation standards required for good academic standing. In addition, the CAS held an Academic Review in May 2018 to review the academic plans of seniors who had not yet completed their degree requirements but who wished to participate in the May commencement activities as August graduates. Finally, select committee members gathered in August 2017, January 2018, and May 2018 to consider requests from students applying for readmission to Skidmore and from those returning from medical leaves of absence.

Along with this regular annual work, the CAS had discussions to either clarify or change the following policy issues:

- Display of grades on student transcripts for off-campus study. (Referred to CEPP)
- Revised policy on the removal of a disruptive student from travel seminars. (ADOF will submit to CAFR)
- Proposal to eliminate major advisor's signature on declaration of minor form. CAS did not endorse.
- Expanding the scope of routine approvals granted by OAA, Registrar's Office, and OCSE.
- The role of the faculty signature on forms for students to petition to withdraw from a class.

Members of the CAS (voting) for 2018-2019

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Christine Page, Management and Business
Natalie Taylor, Political Science
David DeConno, Registrar
Ron Seyb, Associate Dean of the Faculty
2 Student Representatives, appointed by SGA

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Respectfully Submitted,

Hope Casto, Chair of the Committee on Academic Standing

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