

SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT, 1982-83

The Committee consisted of Bruce Dunlap (Chemistry), Edward Gregg (History), Anna Hite (Nursing), Suzanne Stroman (Applied Professional Sciences), Arch Woodside (Business Administration), Sherwood Stark (Admissions), and Trevor Howard-Hill (English), Chairman. Drs. Patricia Mason (Foreign Languages) and Alan Sear (Public Health) were elected vice Howard-Hill and Woodside; Dr. Judith Joyner (Education) was elected to complete the term (1983-84) of Dr. Anna Hite who has left the University. Dr. Ed Gregg will chair the Committee in 1983-84. For a second year, no student members were appointed by Student Government.

The Committee met on five occasions, to consider the following matters:

- (1) 120-hour rule: A recommendation from the Assistant/Associate Deans' Council to make the present 120-hour rule for graduation more stringent was not favored by the Committee; it was returned to the Council for reconsideration.
- (2) Undeclared Majors: At the invitation of the Academic Forward Planning Committee, the Committee considered its report on the students being advised in the Center for Undeclared Majors. Of this Committee's recommendations to the Senate, the first (that "all students must enter a college of the University") was defeated after the Provost had announced that the Administration intended to "phase out" the Center. The second recommendation (that "students must declare a major after 30 credit hours of course work") and the third (that "Courses which are usually open to students with 30 or fewer credit hours (freshmen) must be open to all students who meet prerequisites. Prerequisites must be published in the Bulletin. Exceptions must be approved by the Senate.") were both approved by the Senate.
- (3) Suspension Policy: A revision of the University suspension policy referred by the Assistant/Associate Deans' Council was recommended to the Senate and approved.
- (4) Attendance Policy: The Committee considered a proposed attendance policy submitted by the Faculty/Student Relations Committee and reported its deliberations to the Senate at its May meeting as directed.
- (5) Student Athletes: At the request of the Senate Chairman (Dr. R. B. Patterson) the Committee met "to consider issues raised by the article about student athletes in the Sunday State newspaper" and transmitted its concerns and recommendations to the Steering Committee. It has, with the Curricula and Courses Committee, been directed to consider the academic status of "remedial" courses.
- (6) President's and Dean's Honor Lists: The Committee considered an appeal by a part-time student transmitted from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to alter the basis on which semester work loads are calculated, in order to allow part-time students to graduate with honors. The Committee saw no need for revision of the regulations and did not allow the appeal.
- (7) Appeals: Although the Chairman advised some students on the possibility of appealing decisions of College Petitions Committees, none pursued his case to the Committee.

A table of appeals and petitions considered by college committees and to be attached to this report will be circulated.

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T.H. Howard-Hill
Chairman