COMMITTEE: Student Academic Appellate

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2012

PERSON PRESIDING: Dr. Tony Polito

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jonathan Wacker, Tony Polito, Myra Brown, Greg Funaro, Ethan Anderson

REGULAR MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Javier Lorenzo, Liz Fogarty

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lynn Roeder, Deborah Thomson, Elizabeth Forrestal

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Anderson, Sherell Harris (Financial Aid Office)

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item:
Discussion continued from previous meeting on whether or not to put a term, after which the committee would no longer consider actions brought before the committee.

Discussion:
1. Concerning the period of time after which the committee will no longer hear an appeal. Motion, 2nd to make no change in the present policy. There will be no time limit on appeals. Motion passed.
2. Concerning Financial Aid implications to appeals. Motion, 2nd that all appeals with financial aid concerns should receive advisement from appropriate office regarding the F.A. implications of the appeal. After receiving that advisement, decisions of the committee are final, regardless of the applicant’s concerns for how his/her F.A. might be affected. Motion passes.
3. Concerning appeals that “cherry pick” for certain classes to be retro-withdrawn or dropped. Motion, 2nd to make no change in the present policy. Motion passes.
Action Taken: No changes were made to current policy.

Agenda Item: Drop Policy appeals

Discussion: 2 Appeals were heard. Both appeals were denied.

Action Taken: 2 denied

Additional Actions: It was agreed that Angela Anderson would investigate the issue that came to the Committee's attention via a specific appeal, that there are certain types of courses that do not meet prior to the end of the drop/add period, thereby causing students to expend their allotted drops. This should probably be noted in the minutes so that we can be reminded to follow up with Angela on this topic at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Retroactive Withdrawal appeals

Discussion: 2 withdrawals heard. Both appeals were denied.

Action Taken: 2 denied

Agenda Item: Suspension appeals

Discussion: 2 suspension appeals were heard. Both were denied.

Action Taken: 2 denied

Agenda Item: Other appeals

Discussion: 2 other appeals were heard. 1 was denied, 1 was approved

Action Taken: 1 denied, 1 approved

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 7, 2012