LA&J Committee on Academic Standing and Honors Annual Report 2010-2011

The Academic Standing and Honors Committee serves two functions. The first is to review the records of LA&J undergraduates in academic difficulty this includes poor performance based on course grades and satisfactory progress in terms of earned credits toward their degree. We consider whether to place them on academic probation and to decide what level of action is required. This can include requiring them to withdraw from the University for one to four semesters and more rarely permanent academic withdrawal. In these decisions the Associates Deans for Undergraduate Education play an important role. We met after each semester for this purpose. On January 13, 2011 we met to discuss those students in academic difficulty based on Fall 2010 performance and reviewed the records of 48 students who had already been placed on probation in June 2010, and 134 students who had not been previously on probation. On June 16, 2011 after Spring grades were in we met again. At this time 57 students had satisfied the requirements of their previous academic action and were removed from probation. However 53 who had previously been on probation continued to be in academic difficulty and an additional 19 were required to withdraw for one or more semesters. 85 students who were not already on probation were continued, 5 were required to withdraw, and 3 were placed on permanent academic withdrawal.

The second function of the committee is to review the records of those student that are graduating who are likely to satisfy the requirements necessary to graduate with summa cum laude honors. There were no LA&J students in this category for the November 2010 graduation. We met on January 26, 2011 to discuss eight candidates and recommended to the Faculty six candidates who met all of the requirements for the February 2011 graduation. We also met on May 18 to review the materials for 134 students who met the minimum cumulative GPA of 3.80 for May 2011 graduation and two candidates for August 2011. We recommended to the Faculty 122 summa candidates for May graduation and two for August (provisionally). The LA&J Faculty accepted this at the May 19 Faculty meeting and added two additional candidates for May graduation based on motions from the floor.

Respectfully submitted
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