ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee: <u>Admissions Undergraduate</u> Academic Year Covered by Report: <u>2021-2022</u> Date Report Submitted: June 2, 2021 Report Submitted by: <u>Tamah Morant</u> Number times committee met: 5 meetings during academic year September 7, 2021 (via Zoom) November 30, 2021 (via Zoom) January 25, 2022 (via Zoom) April 5, 2022 (via Zoom) April 28, 2022 (via Zoom)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

Discussion

- The committee spent much of its time focused on how to best support students returning after suspension. Conversation included support in terms of mental health and wellbeing and academic support.
- The committee noted their responsibility to act when encountering indications that students are suffering in terms of mental health and wellbeing. This action includes submission of CARES reports as appropriate.
- The committee created a subcommittee to research how individual colleges support newly readmitted students.
- In addition to consultation with individual colleges, the committee reviewed data from R&R about demographics related to suspension, application for readmission, and readmission rates.
- Upon recommendation by the subcommittee, the initial communication to readmitted students was updated. The <u>updated communication</u> is included at the end of this document as Appendix I.
- Upon recommendation by the subcommittee and in consultation with Katie Cartmell, the committee puts forth a recommendation to Provost Arden for the creation of a role dedicated to persistence and graduation support. The complete <u>Proposal to Support</u> <u>Student Persistence and Graduation</u> is included at the end of this document as Appendix II.
- The committee recognizes and appreciates the extra time and effort of the subcommittee members: Tameshia Baldwin, Cathy Crossland, Dave Provost and Jordie Batts.
- The committee recognizes and appreciates the critical contributions and support of Katie Cartmell, Director for the Office of Advising Technology.

Consideration of Readmission Applications

The main responsibility of the Admissions Committee is the consideration of readmission applications for suspended students. With the current online appeal and review process, the outcomes of the committee's deliberations are given below.

	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Totals
Total SUSP (after term)	228	337	-	565
Total Appeals	89	165	66	320
Approved	84	141	53	278
Denied	5	24	10	39
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Pending	0	0	3	

*The total suspension column represents students suspended at the end of the term. The appeals column represents students appealing to enroll in that particular term. For instance the 228 students suspended at the end of Fall are represented in the appeals for Spring 22.

**Summer 2022 appeals are still in process. First session appeals have been reviewed. Contractual readmission appeals were not reviewed with the online application.

Elections

The committee unanimously elected Melissa Merrill as the chair for 2022-2023.