

ACADEMIC STANDING AND HONORS COMMITTEE

1996-1997

ANNUAL REPORT

The Academic Standing and Honors Committee (ASH) faced few challenges during 1996-1997. The main work of the ASH committee centered around the academic standing of students. The committee meets following each term to review appeals from students who have been dismissed from the university and are asking to be allowed to continue on a semester-by-semester basis. Thus, during 1996-1997, the committee met in September, 1996, January, 1997, May, 1997, and July, 1997.

During the year, approximately 1065 students were placed on academic probation. Some of that number are counted more than once because they remained on probation for more than one semester. In addition, 166 students were dismissed after at least one probationary semester. Of the 166 dismissed students, 67 submitted written appeals to the ASH committee, asking permission to continue at the university. The committee approved 42 of the appeals, placing the students in Dismissal Option Status. The other 25 appeals were denied.

For the first time known to the committee, two of the students whose appeals had been denied asked the committee to review their situations a second time. Their appeals were again denied.

On the honors side of the committee's charge, semester honors and commendations were awarded to a total of 6295 students for the fall and winter semesters.

The ASH committee works very closely with the Academic Services Office and the Academic Skills Center in the implementation of the university's probation and dismissal policy. The members of the 1996-1997 committee were Ron Finucane, Chair, Randy Gu, Ed Haworth Hoepfner, Mark Severson, Diane Tracy, Brian Goslin (Academic Affairs Designee), and Nancy Schmitz (Student Affairs Designee).