

Committees of the Administration Year-End Report

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Academic Standing Committee

The Academic Standing Committee is chaired by the Senior Associate Provost and comprises the college associate deans and college advising staff. It meets twice per year in the spring. This will change when the university's revised probation/suspension policy takes effect in September 2019. The committee will then likely begin to meet twice in the fall and twice in the spring.

Currently, the first meeting looks at exceptions: students whose academic standing cases are evaluated against a narrow class of exceptions, including extraordinary life circumstances (e.g. car accident, major illness, death in the immediate family); the student's fulfillment of a prior academic contract agreed to with his or her associate dean; and the "bad first semester" experienced by some first-year and transfer students. The associate deans review a shared list of exceptions each year to ensure that all students across the campus are treated equitably with respect to academic standing.

The second meeting focuses on appeals: students known to be appealing end-of-year suspensions in the college ("first-level"), and those on track to be denied by the college who will then appeal to the Senior Associate Provost ("second-level"). (Under the new probation/suspension policy, colleges will conduct academic action after the fall and spring semesters rather than spring only, and there will no longer be a second level of appeal.)

The number of students who face probation or suspension varies each year along with the factors that influence the size and shape of that cohort.