

Undergraduate Student Status Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2009

Attendees: Laura Ritter

James Whitenton
Susan Vande Ven
Lydia Niemczyk
Steve Hamrick

The meeting was called by L. Ritter to review 3 cases of Petition to the Faculty. Two petitions, namely petition of an honor student to take 19 hours, and petition for reinstatement after suspension with 1 semester taken off, were approved. One petition for reinstatement after multiple suspensions (24 hours earned of 93 attempted) was denied.

It came to the committee's attention in this meeting that in some cases usage of 'W' is being misused. Students are able to re-register for a class in which they did not receive a grade that they desired, then drop the class during the term. The 'W' replaces the undesirable grade and the GPA will appear to be improved without completion of the course a second time. James Whitenton made the motion that for purposes of our "forgiveness policy" related to calculating GPA towards graduation, the W grade not be allowed to "replace" a previously earned grade for a course. Susan Vande Ven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee will meet again in early August for the end of term review of student status.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Ritter
USS Committee Chair

Susan VandeVen
Acting Secretary