Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 am

Attendees: Janet Stracher, Bob Marsh, Becky Foskey, Karen Jones, Dr. Tim Goodman, Anna Marie Reich

Absent: Natasha Goss, Ron Ellison

The Academic and Financial Aid Appeals Committee met in the President’s Conference Room to review 95 student appeals for spring 2015 financial aid and/or academic standing. Unfortunately, our committee could not meet during November or early December today as we were waiting to receive confirmation about formal approval for changes to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy by the President’s Cabinet. The delay to our previously planned meeting schedule was necessary since the committee applies the SAP policy guidelines when reviewing students appealing for financial aid. Consequently, we added another date to meet and review appeals on January 9th.

A few significant highlights of those SAP changes include:

- Students who are placed on Suspension and their appeal to be placed on probation is denied or they failed to meet the conditions of the Academic Plan is ineligible to receive any additional financial aid until they can meet the minimum standards (cumulative 2.00 GPA and 67% completion rate). Exceptions of extenuating circumstance will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- In cases involving injuring, illness, or death of relative, supporting documentation is requested from medical doctor, clergy, professional etc. In cases involving extenuating/special circumstances, supporting documentation requested were applicable.

- Appeals submitted without documentation of special circumstances will be considered based on GPA, pace rate, and amount of loans received per earned credit hour.

Becky Foskey is now the representative from Business Affairs since Heather Wise resigned during the fall 2014 semester.

Below are numbers of students reviewed today by decision code. The reasons for approvals/denials will be noted on spreadsheet created by Karen Jones.

11 APD – Approved Academic/Denied Financial Aid
10 APR – Approved Academic and Financial Aid
  6 DEN – Denied Academic and Financial Aid
18 FAD – Financial Aid Denied (These students were only appealing their F.A. standing)
26 FAP – Financial Aid Approved (These student were only appealing their F.A. standing)
  15 NR – Approved (appeal not required)
  9 NE – Not Eligible to Appeal (denied)
  0 WAP – Waiver approved (students awarded *this waiver and failed to achieve the required minimum GPA can appeal to the committee for an opportunity to apply for the waiver again)
  0 WAD – Waiver Denied

Meeting adjourned: 11:30 am