Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 am

Present: Janet Stracher; Karen Jones; Anna Marie Reich; John Blackburn; Courtney Joiner; Pat Homer; Massie Kight and Tim Goodman

Guest: Rebecca Vincent

The Academic and Financial Aid Appeals Committee met on August 14, 2013 at 9:00am in George L. Smith Conference Room to review 36 student appeals for financial aid and/or academic standing.

Following review of student appeals, the committee discussed the following points:

- Dr. Goodman inquired about the possibility of modifying the spreadsheet to limit the number of columns of information and focus on only information the committee members need to review to render a decision.
- Another recommendation was made to develop stricter criteria for determining appeals based upon academic exclusion.
- Look at how information is pulling from Banner to populate the spreadsheet to avoid duplication.
- Need to consider how to limit the number of hours spent in these academic appeal meetings and incorporating us of a SAP Calculator to expedite decisions.
- Committee members discussed the appeal policy which allows appeals to the President for academic exclusions denied by the committee, but financial aid appeal decisions rest with the committee. There is concern that students are seeking to appeal the financial aid decision to the College President.

Numbers preceding the list of codes below represent the number of students for each category.

3 APD - Approved Academic/Denied Financial Aid
6 APR - Approved Academic and Financial Aid
3 DEN - Denied Academic and Financial Aid
1 FAD - Financial Aid Denied (These students were only appealing their F.A. standing)
14 FAP - Financial Aid Approved (These students were only appealing their F.A. standing)
9 NE - Not Eligible to Appeal

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Janet Stracher – Chair