

CAS ANNUAL REPORT, 2023

Members of CAS (Voting)

- Mayuri Roca, Chair, Chemistry
 - Kyle Nichols, Geosciences
 - Kris Covey, Environmental studies
 - Dave DeConno, Registrar
 - Michael Arnush, Associate Dean of the Faculty
 - Emilka Jansen, SGA student representative, Office of Academic Advising
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- Cori Filson, Office of Campus Study and Exchanges
 - Eliza Camiré, Office of Campus Study and Exchanges
 - Shannon Melvin, Registrar

Regular business

Weekly meetings were held during the academic year to discuss students' requests for exceptions to our established academic norms. The offices of the registrar, OAA, and OCS presented the requests and presented them to CAS on behalf of the student. Each petition, the committee considered the most beneficial outcome, short and long terms, for students and the college's academic commitment.

End-of-semester Academic Review sessions were held in January and June to discuss the status of students who failed to satisfy minimum continuation standards; students were granted waivers to return the following semester, put on leave for a year, or disqualified from continuing studies at Skidmore.

CAS participated in the Academic Review in May to discuss the academic plans of August graduates.

Other business

Participation in the governance committee chairs meeting that met with three DOF/VPAA candidates.

Discussions about honors and grade inflation. It was decided to do not present this data to the faculty as it may be skewed by the COVID-19/grading adjustments done during COVID.

Discussion about the minimal continuation standards. Two motions were brought to the faculty: the first motion asked to set the minimum accumulated GPA of 2.000 for all students regardless of the number of semesters completed; the second motion asked to change the number of accumulated credits each semester to be a suggestion rather than a requirement. Both motions were approved.

