

CAS Annual Report, 20052006

Members of the CAS, 2005-2006:
Bob Turner, Government (chair)

In 2005-06, CAS and Michael Arnush reviewed the cases of 10 first year students who did not complete their Scribner Seminars and decided the outcomes on a case-by-case basis. Our decisions today fell into five categories:

1. Students who medically withdrew from their SSPs and who will remain on medical leave through spring 2006, thus returning to Skidmore in fall 2006 as “new freshmen,” will be required to repeat the SSP. CAS felt that such students did not fully engage in and thus benefit from the FYE (despite their relatively late withdrawals) and would therefore benefit from repeating both the academic and co-curricular aspects of the FYE (2 students).

2. Students who medically withdrew from their SSPs, but were registered for spring 2006 (pending approval of their Return From Medical Leave applications) will not be required to take another SSP in fall 2006 and will not be required to take an interdisciplinary course during the spring 2006 semester. CAS felt that these students would not benefit from repeating the SSP after they have taken a full semester of courses during the spring term—that they would be more analogous to the new transfer student coming to Skidmore with 12 or more credits and who are exempt from taking the SSP because of their advanced standing. If these students do not return to campus in spring 2006, CAS will revisit their decisions (2 students)

3. Students who were suspended for social reasons in fall 2006: one will be given the option to take the SSP if he wishes to do so while the other will not be required to repeat the SSP. Both of these students will be full-time students in spring 2006. (2 students)

4. One student who withdrew from SSP and who, although doing poorly at the time of the late withdrawal, remained with the course as an auditor will not be required to repeat SSP. (1 student)

5. Students who matriculate in January 2006 with no previous full-time college experience will have the option of taking the SSP in fall 2006 if they so choose. CAS felt that these students belong

medical withdrawals in 2006-2007 in order to help us further assess whether there has been an increase in this type of request.

Bob Turner will be leaving CAS, to be replaced by William Standish of the Chemistry Department, who will be chair. Next year the Committee will look something like this:

Bill Standish (chair)

Ann Henderson, Registrar

Michael Ennis-McMillen, Dean of Studies

Tillman Nechtman, History

Rachel Roe-Dale, Mathematics and Computer Science

Beth DeBold, Student Representative

Regular visitors (nonvoting):

Tina Levith, Associate Director, Dean of Studies

Dave DeConno, Associate Registrar

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Turner, chair, CAS, July 10, 2006