1. Committee members:
Deborah Boyle (Chair), Mike Braswell, Allison Foley, Susan Klein, Meta Van Sickle, Courtney Smith (SGA representative), Neal Tonks, Marianne Verlinden, Michelle Futrell (ex officio), Sonja Wall (ex officio).

2. Management:
The Committee on Academic Standards, Admission, and Financial Aid (FCAS) continued to use CofC’s own OAKS platform to distribute student petitions as a centralized, secure, and efficient system to handle confidential student information. Nearly all the petitions were resolved through discussion and voting on OAKS rather than in committee meetings.

Because of the increasing numbers of student Late Withdrawal Petitions (LWPs) due to physical and mental health issues in recent years, this year a committee in the Center for Academic Performance and Persistence (CAPP) considered these petitions; FCAS only considered cases where students were appealing the CAPP committee’s decision. Michelle Futrell and Sonja Wall, from CAPP, organized these student petitions and managed the dissemination of information through OAKS. Petitions for Senior Coursework Elsewhere (SCE) were conveyed to FCAS by Sandy Ferguson and Emily Thickens in the Transfer Resource Center. The 2019–20 FCAS Committee members are grateful to these staff members for their diligence working with students regarding their petitions.

3. Highlights from the 2019–20 Academic Year:
In addition to the review of SCE petitions and appeals of LWPs, FCAS undertook the following:
   i. Approved repeal of WA grade option (subsequently assed by Faculty Senate);
   ii. Approved four transfer credit policies (subsequently passed by Faculty Senate);
   iii. Approved change of GPA requirement for undergraduate transfer student admissions;
   iv. Reviewed revised XXF policy and “Integrity Seminar” requirement (on hold);
   v. Reviewed GPA Exclusion Forgiveness/Redemption Policy (on hold).
   vi. Approved proposal to amend the Course Alternatives Policy for Math (presented by FCAS, with the Gen Ed Committee and Curriculum Committee, to Faculty Senate, for consideration in 2020–21.)

4. Total Petition Statistics: (up to 8/12/20)

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Two FCAS subcommittees were also formed at the direction of Academic Affairs to consider appeals of Student Grievances. In one case, the committee was unable to consider the student’s complaint because the student never replied to emails requesting further information. In the other case, the student’s appeal was denied.

5. Notable Items from Minutes:

(Full details on FCAS actions over the 2019–2020 academic year are available in the individual meeting minutes.)

August 30, 2019
FCAS met for the first time, and Chair Deborah Boyle reviewed the ‘Rules of the Road’ document revised over previous years, including the change made this year whereby Late Withdrawal Petitions would be reviewed by a CAPP committee, with FCAS only considering appeals to the CAPP’s committee’s decisions. Boyle updated committee members on proposals carried over from the previous year and likely to be considered this year by FCAS: the Honor Code Violation Policy proposal from Student Affairs; the Grade Exclusion/Forgiveness/Redemption Policy left unresolved by the 2018–19 FCAS; the College Senior Coursework Elsewhere Policy proposal awaiting presentation to the Faculty Senate; and the Departmental Honors and Bachelor’s Essay Proposal approved by FCAS in Spring 2019 but awaiting further review by the Curriculum Committee. One student petition was voted on.

September 19, 2019
Mary Bergstrom (Registrar) and Mark del Mastro (Associate Provost) presented various options for amending the “WA” grade option. FCAS resolved to consider these at the next meeting.

October 3, 2019
Mary Bergstrom (Registrar) and Lisa Chestney (Director of Transfer Resource Center) discussed four proposals coming from the Task Force on Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit Hour Requirements: (1) a motion to amend the senior residency policy and petition process for senior students requesting permission to complete coursework at other institutions; (2) a motion to award credit for DANTAS Subject Standardized tests; (3) a motion to increase the 2-year institution transfer credit limit from 60 to 66 credits; and (4) a motion to adopt a transfer credit philosophy at the College. All four proposals were approved by FCAS (and were subsequently passed by the Faculty Senate). The committee also discussed the three options for amending the “WA” grade option that had been presented at the previous meeting.

October 17, 2019
Mary Bergstrom (Registrar) and Mark del Mastro (Associate Provost) attended as the committee discussed the three options for amending the “WA” grade option. The committee voted for Option 2, eliminating the WA as a grade option, and decided to pursue feedback from chairs, program directors, and deans for review and comment.

October 31, 2019
Heath Hoffman attended as a guest and presented a proposal to amend the College’s Class Attendance. The ensuing discussion raised concerns about ambiguous terms in the proposal, documentation and communication of absences by students, and effects on faculty. Boyle then
reported that feedback from chairs, program directors, and deans favored eliminating the “WA” grade option and that this proposal would be presented to the Faculty Senate (where it was subsequently passed).

*December 5, 2019*
Lisa Chestney (Director of Transfer Resource Center) and Mary Bergstrom (Registrar) presented a revised form for seniors to use when requesting permission to take coursework elsewhere. The committee voted on Senior Coursework Elsewhere petitions and discussed the GPA Exclusion Forgiveness/Redemption Policy left unresolved by the 2018–19 FCAS.

*January 16, 2020*
After voting on one Senior Coursework Elsewhere petition, the committee discussed the history of and issues related to the GPA Exclusion Forgiveness/Redemption Policy.

*January 29, 2020*
Lynne Ford (Associate Vice-President for Academic Experience) attended to discuss issues related to a GPA Exclusion Forgiveness/Redemption Policy. FCAS voted to put this issue on hold until the next academic year to assess more fully the impact of the recently-passed grade repetition policy. The committee voted on one student petition.

*February 13, 2020*
Jeri Cabot (Dean of Student Affairs) attended to discuss the XXF proposal for amending the Honor Code.

*February 26, 2020*
The committee approved a change in the GPA requirement for undergraduate transfer student admissions (brought to the committee by Jimmie Foster, Vice President of Enrollment Planning). The committee also discussed a proposal brought by Mark del Mastro, Lynne Ford, and Mary Bergstrom to revise the Course Alternatives Policy for Math. The committee suggested some revisions in the language. (This proposal was presented to the Faculty Senate at the April meeting, for consideration in 2020–21.)

*April 1, 2020 (Zoom)*
The committee discussed concerns about Prof. Hoffman’s proposal to revise the College’s Attendance Policy. These concerns were later expressed by Boyle at a Faculty Senate meeting. The committee voted on two student petitions.

*April 23, 2020 (Zoom)*
The members of the 2020–2021 committee convened to elect a Chair (Meta Van Sickle).

*May 26, 2020 (Zoom)*
The committee met to vote on one student petition.

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