Committee for Academic Progress and Professional Standards (CAPPS)

The Committee for Academic Progress and Professional Standards (CAPPS) is chaired by the dean of academic affairs and is an appellant committee of faculty that reviews appeals from students that have been recommended for dismissal by the senior associate dean of basic sciences or the senior associate dean of clinical studies. CAPPS can uphold the recommendation for dismissal, in which case students have the option to withdraw or to be dismissed. CAPPS can accept the appeal and retain the student on a period of academic focus or probation with conditions. The CAPPS is the only body to which a student may appeal a recommendation for dismissal. CAPPS decisions are final; there is no mechanism for further appeal. CAPPS reports to the dean of academic affairs.