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Presidential Action

The attached bill is provided to the University President for approval.

Delivered:

Signature:  Date: 4/12/15

Approve:

Disapprove:

Remand:

Comments: (please attach an additional sheet if necessary)

Signature:  Date: 5/11/15
Dr. Linda M. Bleicken, President
Armstrong State University

Changes in Academic Standings Policy

Based on our research, we propose the following changes to the Academic Standings Policy as a Faculty Senate Bill. **If passed, we request it be enacted to begin Fall 2016.**

Whereas Armstrong is a student centered institution focused on student learning and success, and whereas the current academic standings policies are unclear to students and do not lay out a pathway to foster student success; and whereas the University has a number of programs with higher secondary admission standards, the Faculty Senate proposes the following be adopted as the Armstrong Academic Standing Policy (page 62-63 of current catalog), effective Fall 2016:

The university recognizes five categories of academic standing: academic intervention, academic warning, academic probation and academic suspension.

Good Standing

Students are considered to be in Good Standing if they have maintained or exceeded the required Overall GPA for the hours attempted as noted below.

To remain in Good Standing students must adhere to the following minimum GPA guidelines:

Attempted Hours	Required Overall GPA
0-29 hours	1.80
30-45 hours	1.90
Over 45 hours	2.00

Academic Intervention

Students who have attempted 0-29 hours and do not meet GPA requirements will be placed on **Academic Intervention**. When first placed on Academic Intervention, a student must register for AASU 1101 Strategies for Success the very next semester of enrollment to assist the student with study strategies and time management. Students on Academic Intervention are limited to 14 credit hours of enrollment for the Fall or Spring semester and 9 hours in Summer or Flex term. The 2 credit hour AASU 1101 must be included in the allotted hours.

Academic Warning

Students who are on Academic Intervention and do not raise their GPA above the required GPA to be removed from Academic Intervention, or those with 30 hours whose required overall GPA falls below the standard for Good Standing, will be placed on

Academic Warning. To avoid being placed on Academic Probation the student must earn sufficient grade points during the next semester of enrollment to raise the institutional average to the minimum standard for Good Standing. If the student achieves the minimum standard at the end of the next semester of enrollment, the Academic Warning is lifted and the student returns to Good Standing. A student who fails to return to Good Standing by the end of the Warning semester will be placed on Academic Probation. Students on Academic Warning will be limited to 13 credit hours of course enrollment. Students on Academic Probation will be limited to 13 credit hours of course enrollment during Fall and Spring semesters and 7 hours in Summer or Flex term.

Academic Probation

Academic Probation recognizes that a student is in serious danger of being dismissed from the University and notifies the student that a plan must be developed and implemented to improve the quality of his/her academic work. A student will be placed on Probation at the end of any semester in which the institutional average remains below the stated minimums and Academic Warning has been issued during the previous semester. Students who achieve the required grade average for Good Standing will have their Probation status removed. A student who fails to return to Good Standing by the end of the Probation semester will be placed on Suspension. Academic Probation is noted on the student's official transcript. Students on Academic Probation will be limited to 13 credit hours of course enrollment during Fall and Spring semesters and 7 hours in Summer or Flex term.

A student will remain on Academic Probation for more than one semester if:

- the student earns a grade of C or higher in all classes in which he or she enrolled, and
- the student earns a minimum 2.0 overall while in the probationary semester

Academic Suspension

Students on academic probation who neither achieve the required overall GPA nor earn at least a 2.0 GPA during the probationary semester (with all grades C or higher) will be placed on academic suspension from the university.

Students suspended for the first time must sit out the next full 15-week semester.

Students suspended for the second time must sit out the next 2 full 15-week semesters.

A third academic suspension is final, with the exception that after 1 year's absence, students may be considered for readmission. Students placed on final suspension who are permitted to re-enroll and fail to achieve a 2.0 GPA (with all grades C or better) will be permanently excluded from the university.

Students on suspension may not enroll in Summer or Flex Term sessions. Students wishing to enroll during the suspension period must submit an appeal to the Office of Admissions to be decided upon by the Armstrong Academic Appeals Committee. The first semester of eligible enrollment following a suspension period is the next full fifteen-week semester (Fall or Spring). Students who wish to return after the required absence must notify the Registrar's Office.

Students on Academic intervention, warning, probation or suspension are expected to develop a plan for obtaining academic good standing. This plan will be developed with the assistance of the student's advisor/success coordinator. The plan may include retaking courses, use of campus resources, monitored early and mid-term grades, and regular contact with their advisor/success coordinator or academic coach.

Given the scenario above, a student earning 68 hours (29@ 1.8, 16@ 1.9 and 24 hours @ 2.0 has a 1.92 overall GPA, but can remain enrolled given their 2.0. They can raise their overall GPA to the required 2.0 by obtaining a 2.1 or higher GPA for the final 56 hours.