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Presidential Action

Georgia Southern University

Motion: The Academic Standards Committee recommends that the University revise the academic standing policy to standardize the time students on Suspension 1 would be out for 1 full academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer in any order).

The SEC moves to accept the recommendation of the revised Academic Standing Policy.

The Motion was passed by the Faculty Senate on Mar. 11, 2020

Helen W. Bland, PhD

Signature: _____

Helen Bland
Faculty Senate President

Date: Mar. 12, 2020

Recommend for:

- ☒ Approval
☐ Disapproval

Signature: *Carl Reiber*

Carl Reiber
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 3/17/2020

Comments:

- ☒ Approve
☐ Disapprove
☐ Remand

Signature: *Dr. Kyle Marrero*

Dr. Kyle Marrero
President

Date: 3/18/2020

Comments:

Approved by the Faculty Senate: 3/11/2020

Approved by the President: 3/18/2020

Approved by the Provost: 3/17/2020

Attachment of Motion:

Motion Request

2/10/2020

Title: Academic Standing Policy; Suspension 1

MOTION(s):

The Academic Standards Committee recommends that the University revise the academic standing policy to standardize the time students on Suspension 1 would be out for 1 full academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer in any order). The SEC moves to accept the recommendation of the revised Academic Standing Policy.

RATIONALE(s):

The current policy for Academic Suspension 1 provides inconsistent times for students to be suspended depending on when the suspension begins. Some students sit out for Fall and Spring and return the following summer (9 months out), while others sit out Spring, Summer and Fall, and return the following Spring (12 months out). This is confusing for students and does not set the student up for an ideal return as Summer classes have a faster pace. The policy revision was drafted by the Academic Standards Committee and passed by at least a majority to move forward to the Faculty Senate.

Attachment:

Academic Standing Policy

An undergraduate student is considered to be in good academic standing if s/he has an institutional GPA of 2.0 or higher.

If a student has an institutional GPA less than 2.0, one of the following academic standings will apply:

Academic Warning 1 (W1)

A student will be placed on Warning 1 (W1) status at the end of the first semester of enrollment in which his/her institutional GPA drops below 2.0.

- A student on W1 status will return to good academic standing when his/her institutional GPA is 2.0 or higher.
- A student on W1 status will remain on W1 status if s/he earns a term GPA of 2.25 or higher for the term but the institutional GPA is below 2.0.
- A student who begins the semester on W1 will be placed on Academic Probation 1 (P1) if his/her term GPA is not 2.25 or higher at the end of the semester and the institutional GPA is below 2.0.

Academic Probation 1 (P1)

A student will be placed on Probation 1 (P1) status if s/he was previously on Warning 1 (W1) status, s/he has a term GPA below 2.25, and his/her institutional GPA is below 2.0.

- A student on P1 status will move into good academic standing when his/her institutional GPA is 2.0 or higher.
- A student on P1 status will remain on P1 status if s/he earns a term GPA of 2.25 or higher for the term but the institutional GPA is below 2.0.
- A student who begins the semester on P1 will be placed on Academic Suspension 1 (E1) if his/her term GPA is not 2.25 or higher at the end of the semester and the institutional GPA is below 2.0.

Academic Suspension 1 (E1)

Academic Suspension results when a student who begins the semester on Academic Probation 1 (P1) does not earn either a term GPA of 2.25 or an institutional GPA of 2.0 at the end of the semester.

- A student on E1 status cannot be enrolled at Georgia Southern for 1 full academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer in any order)..
- Any student suspended from the university may submit an appeal for Fall and/Spring semester to the Academic Standards Committee to be readmitted. If the appeal is denied by the Academic Standards Committee, the student may appeal to the Dean of his/her College.
 - If a student's readmission appeal is approved by either the Academic Standards Committee or the Dean of his/her College, the student will remain enrolled at the University and will be placed on an intermediate (O1) status. A student will be allowed no more than one approved appeal.

Academic Warning 2 (W2)

A student will be placed on Warning 2 (W2) status at the end of the first semester after academic suspension (E1).

- A student on W2 status will move into good academic standing when his/her institutional GPA is 2.0 or higher.
- A student on W2 status will remain on W2 status if s/he earns a term GPA of 2.25 or higher for the term but the institutional GPA is below 2.0.
- A student who begins the semester on W2 will be placed on Academic Probation 2 (P2) if his/her term GPA is not 2.25 or higher at the end of the semester and the institutional GPA is below 2.0.

Academic Probation 2 (P2)

A student will be placed on Probation 2 (P2) status if s/he was previously on Warning 2 (W2) status, s/he has a term GPA below 2.25, and his/her institutional GPA is below 2.0.

- A student on P2 status will move into good academic standing when his/her institutional GPA is 2.0 or higher.
- A student on P2 status will remain on P2 status if s/he earns a term GPA of 2.25 or higher for the term but the institutional GPA is below 2.0.
- A student who begins the semester on P2 will be placed on Academic Suspension 2 (E2) if his/her term GPA is not 2.25 or higher at the end of the semester and the institutional GPA is below 2.0.

Academic Suspension 2 (E2)

Academic Suspension 2 results when a student who begins the semester on Academic Probation 2 (P2) does not earn either a term GPA of 2.25 or an institutional GPA of 2.0 at the end of the semester.

- A student on E2 status cannot be enrolled at Georgia Southern for three years.
 - Students who are not enrolled for three years may be eligible for academic renewal.
 - The granting of academic renewal does not supercede financial aid policies regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Any student excluded from the university may submit an appeal to the Academic Standards Committee to be readmitted any time during the three-year suspension period. If the appeal is denied by the Academic Standards Committee, the student may appeal to the Dean of his/her College.
 - If a student's readmission appeal is approved by either the Academic Standards Committee or the Dean of his/her College, the student will remain enrolled at the University and will be placed on an intermediate (O2) status. A student will be allowed no more than one approved appeal.

Financial Aid Implications:

A student's ability to receive future financial funding and ability to meet the Federally mandated Standards of Academic Progress may be impacted by his/her academic standing. Furthermore, attaining good academic standing does not necessarily meet financial aid requirements regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress. Students should make an appointment with a financial aid counselor.

***Note:** New Academic Standing Policy is effective Fall 2018. All students enrolled at Georgia Southern Fall 2018 will start the term in good academic standing.