

Resolutions on Changes to College Policy on Probation, Suspension and Dismissal

Resolution 1: Policy regarding student participation in clubs, committees, and intercollegiate athletics

Whereas academic probation is intended as a support measure designed to encourage students to focus on their studies in order that they may satisfy academic standards; and

Whereas involvement in extracurricular college activities, such as clubs, committees, and athletics often helps maintain students' engagement with the institution, and may thus help maintain their commitment to meeting academic standards; and

Whereas barring students who have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher from participating in such extracurricular activities is unnecessarily punitive, and may undermine their connection to the institution;

Be it resolved that a student whose GPA for one semester is below 2.00, but maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher may still participate in student clubs, committees, and intercollegiate athletics.

Resolution 2: Policy regarding reinstatement procedure

Whereas students have two choices in how to respond to a suspension or dismissal: observe the time periods in which they must sit out the semester (one semester for suspension, two semesters for dismissal), or appeal the decision and attend a hearing with the Academic Standing Committee; and

Whereas current procedure, as currently written in the college policy, requires the registrar to contact the members of the Academic Policies and Practices Committee (APPC) to get permission for a student who observed the time period suspension or dismissal to be reinstated; and

Whereas this procedure unnecessarily delays the registration of students returning from suspension or dismissal;

Be it resolved that the registrar no longer needs to have permission from APPC to reinstate a student who chose not to appeal the initial Dean's Office decision, and who observed their suspension or dismissal.

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