

Resolution on Changes to Language in College Policy Concerning the Consequences of Probation

Whereas academic probation is intended as a support measure to alert students whose academic success is in jeopardy and designed to allow them time to resolve barriers to their studies so that they may achieve academic success; and

Whereas SUNY, NCAA, SGA, and other college organizations (Old Westbury clubs, committees, etc.) have distinct guidelines regarding the implications of academic probation on students' eligibility to participate; and

Whereas the current Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal Policy implies that students who maintain a semester and cumulative GPA at or above 2.00 are eligible "to participate in college committees or in intercollegiate athletics;" and

Whereas this statement identifies some on-campus organizations, but not others; does not correspond accurately with the existing guidelines of some organizations regarding student ineligibility (such as, those that require 2.5 cumulative GPA to participate); and does not allow appropriate exceptions for student eligibility to participate in particular organizations while on probation to be introduced;

Be it resolved that the Academic Probation policy is revised, using broader language concerning the constraints on student activities which accompany academic probation, so as to not contradict the existing guidelines of some college organizations, and to allow some degree of flexibility to college organizations in determining student eligibility criteria in the future.¹

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The Proposal approved by the Faculty Senate by unanimous consent on 5/14/2021.

¹ Any future changes to an organization's policy which recommends an exception to the semester and/or cumulative GPA requirement for student participation should be approved in the form of a resolution brought before the faculty senate.