

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of Serge's re-enrollment in ENSP.

Background:

- Serge came to us after having been dismissed from the College of CMNS. His first semester with us (Spring 2012) was awful – and we had a long, drawn-out, and very detailed conversation about his academic progress in early June.
- Because of his performance in in the Spring, I explained that he had just accumulated another 12 repeated credits (BSCI106, ECON200, ENST200) -- And that further exceptions would have to come from an Assistant Dean. Furthermore, I reminded him that CMNS had already given him 3 credits beyond the 18 allowed, so the next exception would not be an easy one to get – and he might not get it at all.
- So... we went back to basics:
- First, we did a full analysis of his transcript, so Serge could see what he did well in; what he did poorly in; and what his remaining academic options were.
- Then we identified all the things that were getting in the way of his academic performance.
- Then – based upon his interests, I showed him that he had no academic options left *except* for ENSP-Soil, Water, Land Resources. This is a good match for his interests and can be completed in a reasonable period of time. Otherwise, he would have to start another new major entirely; sit out 5 years and use Academic Clemency; or transfer to University College. I think this was the first time Serge fully understood the seriousness of his situation.
- Next – I explained that while Serge's chances of getting permission for more repeated credits was slim and none, I would support such a request provided he earned C grades or better in two ENSP-related classes at MC. We also agreed to a lighter course load and signed a contract to that effect.

Since June 2012:

- Serge has earned a B in BSCI106 and a B in ECON200 in summer school at MC. He got me his grades promptly and submitted them to the Registrar.
- I approved his next two courses, ENSP101 and ENST417.
- On 12/31/12, I checked Serge's grades and saw that he had earned a B and a C+ respectively. As he and I agreed, I put course approvals into the system so he could register for his next two classes.
- Shortly after that, Serge was dismissed. We have been in touch since then to discuss what happens next.

In summary, based upon Serge's academic performance since June 2012, and his willingness to work with an advisor while he makes important changes in his approach to schoolwork, I support his request for re-instatement.

Please feel free to contact me should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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