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Appeals Statement

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A few of the things that kept me from making the Dean’s list again this semester are as follows. The time granted for classes during the summer semester is limited to 10 weeks, this in hand with conceptually heavy courses such as College level math and Intro to Philosophy makes success gradually more difficult. I wasn’t aware of the load I had stacked on my plate when I chose these courses. Time was one of the circumstances that made it difficult to maintain the GPA required to continue receiving funding.

Secondly, the instructor I had selected for the class I failed to successfully pass, had admitted that it was his first time teaching the course, time constraints combined with an instructor whom was teaching that very course for the first time threw in additional obstacles in my ability to be successful. Moreover I will take careful action to assure I will not fail this class again and maintain GPA above a 2.0 at minimum. These are some of the things I will do to ensure I do not fail that class and other classes again, but specifically the PHIL course.

During the summer semester I was very fortunate to receive funding for work-study and with that I applied to the Jr. Web developer position on campus at PPCC. Unfortunately the position closed due to certain circumstances. I got recommended by one of the faculty I interviewed with to one of his co-workers who was working on a project and was seeking a web-developer to join the team. So I applied and never got a chance to meet with him, but got an essence for the type of project he was working on. It is a gamification of a course offered here on campus, Ethics, Philosophy. To essentially help students learn the concepts easier. Instead of waiting for the position to open back up I applied to other positions on campus and was able to land a job as a Jr. ITSS tech. After working there for a few weeks, the same faculty who I interviewed with called me into the office and introduced me to the gentleman, his co-worker who was the gentleman I was scheduled to meet for the web-developer position for the gamification of the ethics class at PPCC. There after I was put in to the project and continued working to this day. I talked to the instructor I took for the into to Phil about the project after one class and he and I briefly talked about how it could use some improvements and that it is only offered for the Ethics courses and that it has helped students be more successful in class. Financial aid and work-study opportunities has opened many doors for me, and to insure I do not fail another PHIL course or any other course I will work to improve this project (CHAPTERS) with my co-workers to help other students as well as myself and manage my time better, and take only the amount of courses I think I will be successful in per semester.

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Thank You