Recommendation of the APC regarding a campus-wide uniform probation/drop policy for undergraduate students.

MOTION

A. At the end of the 1992-93 academic year, rescind all current policies, set by individual schools and colleges, regarding academic probation and drop for undergraduate students.

B. For the 1993-94 academic year, adopt a minimal uniform academic probation/drop policy (as described in section C). The faculties of individual schools and colleges may adopt additional rules. These additional rules can only make the policy stricter and must be presented in a form consistent with the minimal policy. Also permissible are additional administrative steps for the purpose of better communication with students, provided these steps do not weaken the standards or penalties contained in the minimal policy.

C. Minimal policy.

1. A student with a cumulative gpa (grade point average) of 2.0 or higher is in good academic standing.

2. A student whose cumulative gpa falls below 2.0 is placed on academic probation. A student on academic probation whose cumulative gpa remains below 2.0 but whose semester gpa is 2.0 or above remains on academic probation. A student on academic probation earning a semester gpa below 2.0, or a freshman earning below a 1.0 gpa in the first semester, is dropped for one semester. A student on academic probation clears probation and returns to good academic standing when a cumulative gpa of 2.0 or better is achieved.

3. A dropped student may be reinstated immediately after a drop action or readmitted after the drop period. A readmitted or reinstated student is placed on final probation. These actions (reinstatement or readmission) may only be taken by the dean of the school or college to which the student seeks reinstatement or readmission.

4. A student on final probation who fails to achieve a semester gpa of 2.0 or better is dropped for two years. A student on final probation whose cumulative gpa remains below 2.0 but whose semester gpa is 2.0 or above remains on final
probation. A student on final probation clears final probation and returns to good academic standing when a cumulative gpa of 2.0 or better is achieved.

RATIONALE

Academic drop and probation policies are determined by the faculties of each school or college. There is considerable variation in these policies, leading to confusion and unequal treatment of students. The proposed uniform policy will provide greater consistency and understanding, while still permitting schools and colleges to have varying standards, penalties and procedures. It is anticipated that most schools and colleges will simply accept the minimal policy.

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