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Academic Dismissal Readmission GPA

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Resolution # 17 1990-91

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on 1/28/91
(Date)

RE: X I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)
For your information

SUBJECT: Revision of Policy 445-5, Academic Status of
Students Readmitted After Academic Dismissal: Readmit GPA
Calculation

Signed Thomas D. Kelle Date Sent 1/29/91
(For the Senate)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution

- a. Accepted. Effective Date 2/1/91
- b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate
on _____
- c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the
attached explanation

II, III.

- a. Received and acknowledged
- b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION: _____

Distribution Date 2/4/91 Signed: [Signature]
(President of the College)

READMIT GPA CALCULATION
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POLICIES COMMITTEE

Background Information

The current college policy allows students who readmit after academic dismissal to start anew with a zero GPA. Upon readmission, the Advisement Office reviews the student transcript accepting only as many D grades as would keep the student's GPA at the 2.0 or better level. E grades and any D grades which would drop the GPA below the 2.0 required level are marked with DNA (does not apply), then the student begins with a clean slate so to speak.

There are pros and cons to this procedure. It preserves the integrity of the 2.0 GPA required for the baccalaureate degree. It allows a dismissed student a fresh start as he/she is not handicapped by having to dig out of a hole in order to regain good academic standing. However, it is not fair to other students by comparison, and the final GPA is not an honest summary of the student's educational record at this institution.

Example I: Under the current policy, a student can be academically dismissed after 90 hours, readmit, then graduate with a 4.0 if things go exceedingly well for the last 30 hours.

Example II: Picture two students who start at Brockport at the same time. Neither are wizards, but one ekes out a 2.0 over the first three years, while the other is finally academically dismissed with a 1.5 after those same three years. The first takes a leave of absence for a year, while the other serves out his obligatory year away from the institution. Now they both come back, and both manage a really strong fourth year. The first one, who always stayed academically in good standing, graduates with a (let's say) 2.4 GPA. But the other, because his first three years have been expunged according to policy, graduates with honors--a 3.4 GPA.

In light of these examples, we are supporting Dr. Weir's proposal to, "...return the dismissed student to an even keel of 2.0 so that he/she isn't working under a heavy burden when trying to salvage educational goals, but we also give him/her the baggage of prior credits. For example, if readmitted with a 2.0 and 60 credits toward the degree, then the 2.0 and those 60 credits are calculated into the GPA. The student isn't asked to work under a cloud, but neither is he/she given a gift that others don't receive."

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**READMIT GPA CALCULATION RESOLUTION
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POLICIES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: That the policy "Academic Status of Students Readmitted After Academic Dismissal" (445-5, Sec. 4 of the Faculty Handbook - 1989) be revised to read as follows:

- *4. Academic Status of Students Readmitted After Academic Dismissal. (Note: This does not apply to students who have been reinstated immediately after academic dismissal.)

The student who has been dismissed from the College for academic reasons, and who has been readmitted by the Committee on Admissions, is readmitted under the following conditions:

- A. The student is readmitted with a cumulative index on Brockport credits as close to 2.0 without going below it.
- B. The transcript will still be a record of all the work attempted at Brockport.
- C. Semester hours credit for courses in which A, B, C, and S grades were earned prior to academic dismissal will count toward the 120 semester hours required for the Baccalaureate Degree. Courses with D grades and failing marks will be counted to the point at which the cumulative index for the readmit credits reaches but does not go below 2."

OLD POLICY

4. Academic Status of Students Readmitted After Academic Dismissal

The student who has been dismissed from the College for academic reasons, and who has been readmitted by the Committee on Admissions, is readmitted under the following conditions:

- A. The student is readmitted without a cumulative index (Note: This does not apply to students who have been reinstated immediately after academic dismissal).
- B. Semester hours credit for courses in which A, B, C, and S grades were earned prior to academic dismissal will count toward the 120 semester hours required for the Baccalaureate Degree, but no quality credits earned prior to academic dismissal will be used in computing the cumulative index for the Baccalaureate Degree. The cumulative index for readmitted students is computed only on grades earned at Brockport following readmission. (Faculty Senate #28, 1978-79, 5/24/79)

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