

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

BOARD POLICIES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the Policy Revisions regarding Grading and Academic Probation effective Fall 2012. (See attached revision).

SUMMARY

The purpose of these policy revisions is to make changes to Grading and Academic Probation Policies that are a departure from current practice. This will require changes in several Banner modules to take effect in Fall 2012 with the 2012 catalogs.

Changing the "E" grade to "F" which was recommended by students and was approved by the Faculty Senate. It would require editing all board policies and other material to replace mentions of the grade "E" with "F"

It is recommended that the Academic Probation Policy align with financial aid probation by setting standards for course completion rate as well as cumulative grade point average. The attached proposed changes would be inserted into Policy 6.2.1. The proposed policies are shown in blue type. The definition of Course Completion Rate would be inserted in an appropriate place in the revised Policy Chapter 6.2.1.3, and the Academic Probation and Dismissal language would replace the corresponding Chapter 6.2.1.6 in Policy 6.2.1.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct fiscal implications.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

8/30/2011

Date

First add the following definition to section 6.2.1.3 Undergraduate Grades and Academic Progress:

COURSE COMPLETION RATE

The EMU Course Completion Rate is determined by dividing the hours passed at EMU by the hours attempted at EMU.

(suggest placing it after AUDITING COURSES and before PROGRESS REPORTS)

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CHAPTER 6.2.1.6 issue: Undergraduate Academic Standing

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

An undergraduate student is placed on academic probation when his/her cumulative grade point average at EMU is less than 2.00 (a "C" average), or his/her EMU course completion rate is less than 0.67. The University will officially notify students when they are placed on academic probation, however, placement on academic probation is automatic and applies even if the student states that official notification of such probation has not been received from the University.

The University's action of placing a student on academic probation should make the student aware that satisfactory progress is not being made toward completing degree requirements. The student should also realize the need to take steps, such as seeking additional help and advice, to improve the quality of his/her academic performance.

A student will be removed from academic probation only when his/her cumulative grade point average at EMU is at least 2.00 (a "C" average) AND cumulative completion rate at EMU is at least 0.67.

Within the first thirty days of a semester -and preferably within the first week of a semester -the student on academic probation is required to have a conference with his assigned academic adviser to review the student's program of classes and his/her plans for the semester. Further conferences may be required, or the student's academic course load may be restricted, or the student may be informed of special conditions stipulated by a designated academic review committee to help ensure satisfactory progress toward graduation.

Students on academic probation who fail to achieve a grade point average of at least 2.00 ("C" average) and cumulative course completion rate of at least 0.67 in each term of enrollment at EMU while on probation will be subject to dismissal for academic reasons.

A student who fails to return to good standing after one enrollment period on academic probation will be required to follow an academic plan with benchmarks, designed to return him/her to good standing within a specified number of terms of enrollment.

A student on academic probation with an academic plan will be allowed to continue only if he/she meets the plan benchmarks; those who fail to meet their benchmarks will be subject to dismissal for academic reasons.

Exceptions to the above policies may be made under the following conditions:

1. A student on academic probation who earns less than the required grade point average of 2.00 ("C" average) or whose course completion rate is less than 0.67 in an enrollment period may be retained on academic probation provided this is the recommended judgment of the designated academic review committee.
2. A student on academic probation with an academic plan who fails to meet a benchmark of the plan will be retained under a revised academic plan only at the discretion of the designated academic review committee.
3. A student on academic probation, whose grades for the current enrollment period contain an I or W, will be retained only at the discretion of the Academic Standards and Admission Review Committee.

The Provost shall appoint one or more academic review committees to monitor students on academic probation, approve academic plans referenced above, and review students who are subject to dismissal according to this policy