

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Daren Kaiser, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

DATE: September 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Changes to policy to reflect student's ability to ask for review not appeal

WHEREAS, The current academic regulation regarding academic probation and dismissal provides that "... A student who wishes to appeal an academic probation standing should contact the academic department of their major for guidance in the appeal process"; and

WHEREAS, This leaves the procedure regarding the appeal process inconsistent across different academic units; and

WHEREAS, This often results in misunderstanding by students as they believe a probation or dismissal decision based on low GPA (rather than the grade itself) could be appealed; and

WHEREAS, This adds unnecessary burden to academic units for explanation and processing;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the change of academic regulation regarding academic probation and dismissal be adopted as attached.

Probation, Dismissal and Readmission

9.4: Academic probation, dismissal, and readmission. The following probation, dismissal, and readmission criteria are minimums for IPFW; academic units may set higher standards which shall become effective upon publication in the Bulletin or its supplement. A student dismissed from a program for failure to meet the higher standards imposed by an academic unit must be accepted in another program before registering for a subsequent academic session.

9.4.1: Academic Probation. A student shall be placed on academic probation if his/her fall or spring semester or cumulative GPA at the end of any fall or spring semester is less than a 2.0. A student on academic probation shall be removed from that standing at the end of the first subsequent fall or spring semester in which he/she achieves semester and cumulative GPAs equal to or greater than 2.0.

IF: Semester GPA or Cumulative GPA is < 2.0 = ACADEMIC PROBATION

IF: On academic probation and Cumulative GPA is < 2.0 but Semester GPA is ≥ 2.0 = CONTINUED PROBATION

IF: On academic probation and Semester GPA is < 2.0 but Cumulative GPA is ≥ 2.0 = CONTINUED PROBATION

Any grade change due to a reporting error will result in a recalculation of the GPA and determination of probation standing. Academic standing will not be assessed in summer sessions.

A student who wishes to ~~appeal~~ **further clarification about** an academic probation standing **may request a review by the registrar for accuracy of the GPA calculations on the academic record.** ~~should contact the academic department of their major for guidance in the appeal process.~~

9.4.2: Academic Dismissal. A student on academic probation shall be dismissed at the close of any fall or spring semester in which his/her semester and cumulative GPA is less than a 2.0.

IF: On academic probation and both the Semester GPA and Cumulative GPA are < 2.0 = ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

Any grade change due to a reporting error will result in a recalculation of the index and determination of the dismissal status.

A student who wishes to ~~appeal~~ **further clarification about** an academic dismissal standing **may request a review by the registrar for accuracy of the GPA calculations on the academic record.** ~~should contact the academic department of their major for guidance in the appeal process.~~

9.4.3: Readmission. A student who has been dismissed from IPFW or from another campus of Indiana University or Purdue University may not enroll at IPFW until one fall or spring semester has passed. All readmissions are into probationary status and are subject to stipulations in effect as a condition of readmission. Readmissions shall be reported to the Registrar, and an appropriate entry shall be made on the student's academic record. A student who is academically dismissed for a second time is not eligible to enroll for at least one year.

A student dismissed by this policy must apply to the appropriate office or readmission committee. A fee is assessed for processing the readmission application. Readmission is not guaranteed.