

May 13, 2016 – Attachment C

Motion to approve revisions to the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog, Undergraduate Academic Policies and Procedures – Jacob Egge (Biology) and Hal DeLaRosby (Academic Advising), Admission and Retention of Students Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, the Admission and Retention of Students Committee has reviewed the current academic standing policy;

Whereas, the retention rate for students placed on First Semester Warning and Academic Probation is extremely low;

Whereas, the university makes an implicit commitment to help admitted students succeed;

Whereas, new approaches are necessary to support students who struggle academically and improve their retention; and

Whereas, the current catalog language describing academic standing policy must be modified to allow for these new approaches;

Resolved, that Undergraduate Academic Policies and Procedures, p. 54 in the 2015-2016 Catalog, be revised as presented in Attachment C.

Changes are indicated using **bold** to signify additions or changes and ~~striethrough~~ to indicate deletion.

Academic Standing Policy

The following terms are used to describe academic standing at PLU; separate progression and retention policies may be in place in individual programs; please see the individual program section of the catalog for details. Academic standing is determined by the Committee for the Admission and Retention of Students, which reserves the right to review any student's record to determine academic standing. Academic standing will be reviewed at the end of each semester and term.

Good Standing

All students enrolled at the University are expected to stay in good academic standing. Good standing requires a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher.

Academic Warning

- ~~First year students completing their first semester whose GPA is below 2.00 are placed on first semester warning. Students will receive first semester warning notification and are required to follow the guidelines set~~

~~forth in the letter. For these students, first semester warning is noted permanently on their academic transcript.~~

- **Students completing their first semester: Students placed on academic probation at the completion of their first semester at PLU may have their standing changed to academic warning if they complete the requirements set forth in the academic probation notification letter by the specified deadline. Academic warning is noted permanently on the transcript.**
- Continuing students: All other students whose most recent semester GPA was less than 2.00 but whose cumulative GPA is 2.00 or higher will receive an academic warning notification. Students are required to follow the guidelines set forth in the letter. For these students, academic warning is not noted on the transcript.

Academic Probation

Students are placed on academic probation if their cumulative GPA falls below 2.00. Students on academic probation must satisfactorily complete each course they attempt in the subsequent semester. Satisfactory completion means no grades of W (withdrawal), I (incomplete), E or F for the term. Students who do not satisfactorily complete each course attempted in a probationary semester are dismissed from the University. Academic probation is noted permanently on the transcript. Students who successfully complete January Term or Summer Term course(s) and who achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 will be considered in good academic standing. Students who complete a January Term or Summer Term course(s) and who achieve a term GPA of 2.00 or higher but whose cumulative GPA still remains below 2.00 must raise their cumulative GPA to at least 2.00 with their coursework in the next Fall or Spring Semester.

Continued Probation

Students whose cumulative GPA remains below 2.00 after a probationary semester but whose semester GPA for their first probationary semester is above 2.00 are granted an additional semester of probation. Students on continued probation must satisfactorily complete each course they attempt. Satisfactory completion means no grades of W (withdrawal), I (incomplete), E or F for the term. At the end of the continued probationary semester, students must have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 and must have satisfactorily completed each course or they are dismissed from the University. Continued probation is noted permanently on the transcript.

First Academic Dismissal

Students are given a first academic dismissal from the University if they fail to meet the conditions set forth in the requirements for students on academic probation or on continued probation. A notation of first academic dismissal will be made on the transcript. Students are dismissed after Fall and Spring Semester. Students dismissed after the fall semester may remain in their January Term courses, but are withdrawn from their Spring Semester courses unless the committee grants reinstatement (see below). Students dismissed after the Spring Semester are withdrawn from all Summer Term courses. If there were extraordinary

circumstances that the student believes warrant consideration of an appeal, students may apply for reinstatement by petitioning the Committee for the Admission and Retention of Students (in care of the director of advising). If the petition is approved, students are reinstated on continued probation and must earn a semester GPA of 2.00 or better. At the end of the following semester, students must have reached the 2.00 cumulative GPA. Students who are reinstated must also satisfactorily complete each course they attempt. Satisfactory completion means no grades of W (withdrawal), I (incomplete), E or F for the term.

Second Academic Dismissal

Students who are reinstated after the first academic dismissal must earn a semester GPA of at least 2.00 in order to be granted one additional semester of continued probation to reach the required 2.00 cumulative GPA. Students who fail to attain at least a 2.00 term GPA in the semester after reinstatement, or who fail to achieve a 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in the second semester after reinstatement, are given a second academic dismissal. These students are not allowed to petition the Committee for the Admission and Retention of Students for reinstatement.

Eligibility for Student Activities

Any regularly enrolled, full-time student (at least 12 semester hours) is eligible for participation in University activities. Limitations on a student's activities based upon academic performance may be set by individual schools, departments or organizations. A student on academic probation is not eligible for certification in intercollegiate competitions and may be advised to curtail participation in other co-curricular activities.