S15-5, University Policy, Academic Standards: Probation and Disqualification

Legislative History:

Amends S10-6

At its meeting of April 6, 2015, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Frazier for the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee. University Policy S10-6 specified the rules and some procedures for probation and disqualification. Since it was passed, a technical inconsistency has been discovered; this policy amendment corrects that inconsistency.

Action by University President: Approved and signed by President Mohammad Qayoumi on April 29, 2015

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Background: University Policy S10-6 specified the rules and some procedures for probation and disqualification. Since it was passed, an inconsistency has been discovered: When S10-6 was approved by the Senate at its meeting held May 10, 2010, it was modified by a floor amendment to add language to Section I.B.1. The proposal originally presented to the Senate removed all “grade level GPA” considerations in determining when a student moved from Academic Probation to Academic Disqualification. The amendment from the floor was intended to maintain the existing grade level GPA criterion only for freshman in their second semester of Probation. Grade level GPA had historically been based on the SJSU Cumulative GPA, but the modification to Section I.B.1. refers to “Term GPA” and not “SJSU Cum GPA.” With this amendment, section I.B.1. is corrected to refer to “SJSU Cum GPA.”
Resolved: That Section B.1. of University Policy S10-6 be amended to read

“Students on academic probation are subject to academic disqualification if their corresponding Fall or Spring SJSU term GPA falls below 2.0. Freshmen on Academic Probation are allowed a second consecutive semester of probation if their SJSU Cum GPA is in the range 1.50 to 1.99.”

Implementation of this amendment is pending technical capability (i.e. Peoplesoft). Ideally, the amendment should be effective for the Spring 2016 semester.

Approved: March 9, 2015
Vote: 10-0-0
Present: Bruck (non-voting), Feist, Frazier (chair), Huang, Kress, McPherson, Miller, Rees, Sofish, Sullivan-Green, Walters
Absent: Amante, Branz (non-voting), Brooks, Campsey, Hernandez, Kelley
Financial Impact: None since S10-6
Workload Impact: There will be a small initial workload associated with modifying the PeopleSoft process for assigning Academic Standing for students having fewer than 30 Earned Units, and educating academic advisors. After that, no impact is anticipated.