

FACULTY GOVERNANCE AGENDA ITEM 21-1 (Amended)

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SUBJECT: Amendment to Faculty Senate item 21-1 (Temporary Academic Policy changes due to Extraordinary Circumstances of COVID19 in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Semesters) and extension of these policies for AY 2021-22 (Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022).

Description: Faculty Senate item 21-1 did not explicitly address Summer 2021 sessions regarding probation and suspension, although the temporary policies were meant to apply to the academic year. It is proposed that we make explicit that the policy regarding probation and suspension applies to Summer 2021, and extend the entire set of policies for the next academic year (AY 21-22: Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022). See attached for proposed changes to item 21-1 and proposed policies for AY 2021-22.

Rationale: These academic policies are in place due to the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Financial Implications: none directly

Proposed Effective Date: Immediate upon passage of the Faculty Senate

Request for Action: Approval by Faculty Senate

Approved by: AAC on 10/4/2021

Faculty Senate on 10/25/2021

Attachments Yes X No

Regarding temporary policies for AY 2020-21:

Relating to the Undergraduate Academic Probation and Reinstatement Policy section of Undergraduate Catalog

- Students enrolled in Academic Year 2020-21 (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021) will not be placed on academic probation status or suspended based on their performance during this academic year
- This temporary policy change does not override school-, department-, or program-level policies concerning academic probation/suspension/dismissal from a particular degree program.

Proposed extension to AY 2021-22:

Temporary Academic Policy changes due to Extraordinary Circumstances of COVID19 Academic Year 2021-22 (Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022)

Relating to Withdrawals section of Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs

- For Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 courses, students may withdraw from a class (or classes) from the third week of classes until the Friday before finals week
- For Summer 2022 courses, students may withdraw from a class (or classes) up to two days before the end of the session

Relating to the A/Credit/Pass/Fail Option section of the Undergraduate Catalog and Section 6.V.D.5 (A/Credit/Pass/Fail Options) of the Faculty Handbook

- For Academic Year 2021-22, there are no restrictions on completed credit hours or GPA for electing A/Credit/Pass/Fail status
- For Fall 2021 and Spring 2022, a student may elect A/Credit/Pass/Fail status until the Friday before finals week
- For Summer 2022, a student may elect A/Credit/Pass/Fail status until two days before the end of the session
- All other existing restrictions on electing A/Credit/Pass/Fail remain in force. Students should check with their faculty advisor before electing A/Credit/Pass/Fail status.

Relating to the Undergraduate Academic Probation and Reinstatement Policy section of Undergraduate Catalog

- Students enrolled in Academic Year 2021-22 will not be placed on academic probation status or suspended based on their performance during this academic year
- This temporary policy change does not override school-, department-, or program-level policies concerning academic probation/suspension/dismissal from a particular degree program.

Relating to Section 6.V.E. (Examinations) of the Faculty Handbook

- For Academic Year 2021-22, Final Examinations may be scheduled asynchronously at

the discretion of the instructor so long as students have the opportunity to complete the final exam during the scheduled final exam time.