

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: October 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rules 114c, 115c, 116c, and 117c

At its meeting on October 5, 2021, AAC approved revisions to Rules 114c, 115c, 116c, and 117c. The Registrar's Office, in coordination with the AGs Office, proposed these updates. Each rule includes the same statement about good standing and academic conduct as they relate to the awarding of degrees.

The revisions were prompted by action from the Washington State legislature, which now forbids public institutions from holding transcripts because of a student's debt to the university. In addition, Karen Metzger (Director, Center for Community Standards) also advised the Registrar's Office that student conduct will not deny the release of a transcript if there is a conduct hold. As a result, the rules have been revised as follows, and include formatting changes for readability:

- c. The award of a baccalaureate degree and/or diploma requires the student's good standing in the university and satisfaction of all University graduation requirements. "Good standing" means the student has resolved any acts of academic or behavioral misconduct, and complied with all sanctions imposed as a result of the misconduct. (See Rule 45 and the Standards of Conduct for Students.)
 - 1) The University shall have the sole authority in determining whether to withhold the degree and/or diploma in cases where the student is not in good standing due to acts of misconduct, has not resolved any acts of academic or behavior misconduct, or has not complied with all sanctions imposed as a result of misconduct.
 - 2) The University shall deny the award of a degree if the student is dismissed from the University based on his or her misconduct.
 - 3) A diploma will not be sent until the student has ~~Neither diplomas nor transcripts will be sent until students have~~ resolved any unpaid fees and resolved any acts of academic or behavioral misconduct and complied with all sanctions imposed as a result of misconduct. ~~-(See Rule 45 and the Standards of Conduct for Students.)~~

The Registrar recommends that the rule be effective fall 2021.