

To: Faculty Senate
From: Mary Wack, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
Date: March 17, 2017
Subject: Revisions to Academic Regulations 55 and 56, Change of Major and Decertification and Recertification

In the course of updating the EPPM section on Certification, it became clear that ARs 55 and 56 should be updated for clarity, to reflect current practice, to respect the multi-campus structure, and to distinguish two pathways for decertification/recertification: failure to meet university minimums, and failure to meet departmental minimums. The colleges also raised the point that maintaining certification or recertifying may have different criteria than initial certification.

The revisions below have been suggested and reviewed by the Registrar's Office, Academic Success and Career Center, associate deans, campus vice chancellors and the Provost's Office.

Thanks for your consideration.

55. CHANGE OF MAJOR

A student may change ~~from one department to another only on~~ majors with the approval of the head of the new academic unit or designee ~~chairpersons of the departments or deans concerned.~~

56. DECERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION

A student, certified in a major, ~~who~~ whose GPA falls below 2.0 ~~becomes~~ is academically deficient under Rules 38 or 39 and ~~who may be~~ is decertified by the academic major department. ~~The student or program~~ will be eligible to recertify in a major, on a space-available basis, when the cumulative and major grade point averages are at or above the minimum level required for certification. ~~into the department.~~ Requirements for maintaining certification and completing the major will be those stated in the WSU Catalog at the time of recertification.

A certified ~~student major~~ student who falls below the *minimum departmental requirements for maintaining certification in the major*, as ~~(approved by Faculty Senate)~~ and published in the WSU Catalog, may be decertified by the department after two semesters of falling below that

minimum. The department must notify the student at the end of the first semester and establish conditions in writing that must be met the ~~second~~ following semester of enrollment. If conditions are not met at the end of the ~~second~~ following semester, documentation must be provided to the Academic Success and Career Center along with the request to decertify a student.

A decertified student may be eligible to recertify into the same major, on a space-available basis, when minimum departmental requirements for certification are met. Contact department for information and options for meeting minimum departmental requirements for achieving and maintaining certification. Requirements for maintaining certification and completing the major will be those stated in the WSU Catalog at the time of recertification.

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