

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: 9 March 2023

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rules 38 – 41 and Rule 70

The Academic Affairs Committee recently considered and approved the following revisions from the Reinstatement Committee, to update the current terminology for students who become academically deficient.

From the committee's proposal:

The Reinstatement Committee requests a language change from Academic Probation to Academic Notice in the Reinstatement Process. This change is to help reduce the barriers that students might encounter with the word probation; a word frequently correlated to criminal convictions and the legal system. The Reinstatement Committee wants to continue its practice of educating students through a process of academic intervention, learning and support rather than being associated with the criminal justice system and negative perceptions therein that bring about feelings of shame.

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2022/04/18/csu-fullerton-changes-term-academic-probation-notice>

AAC approves the following changes to this terminology as well as minor revisions to clarify the reinstatement policy and process.

Undergraduate Academic Deficiency

35. Washington State University expects students to maintain academic standards of excellence and make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree objectives.

Undergraduate students are in good academic standing if both their current WSU semester and cumulative grade point averages are 2.00 or above, and/or they are eligible to be enrolled.

Students not meeting the criteria above are considered academically deficient.

38. Academic Notice ~~Probation~~ and Recess for At-Risk Students

(a) Undergraduate students whose semester (excluding **winter and** summer session) or cumulative grade point average drops below a 2.0 for the first time must apply for

reinstatement to continue their enrollment at Washington State University. Students are placed on Academic ~~Notice probation~~ after ~~being reinstated~~. Academic departments may release students from the major who are on academic ~~notice probation~~. See rule 53.

(b) First-time, first-year undergraduate students are recessed from the University after their first term of enrollment if their semester grade point average is below 1.0. Individuals are recessed from the university for one full semester (Fall or Spring). To re-enroll for courses offered through any WSU campus students must apply for reinstatement. Recessed individuals may not seek status as a non-degree seeking student. Recessed students may enroll in summer session.

39. Undergraduate students are dismissed from the University after the third semester (excluding winter and summer session) in which the cumulative grade point average is below 2.0. (~~The three semesters do not have to be consecutive for the dismissal policy to apply.~~)

Individuals who are dismissed from the university must wait a minimum of two full semesters (fall/spring, spring/fall) to re-enroll for courses offered through any WSU campus. To re-enroll for courses offered through any WSU campus students must apply for reinstatement and WSU Admissions. Dismissed individuals may not seek status as a 'non-degree seeking student.' Dismissed students may enroll in summer session.

40. Former Students Returning (FSR) may seek reinstatement after two semesters (fall/spring, spring/fall) by completing the academic reinstatement process. Former students petitioning for academic reinstatement must, as part of the reinstatement petition process, provide documentation that demonstrates potential for academic success at WSU. If seeking reinstatement after more than two semesters, former students must also apply for re-admission to the University through the Office of Admissions. All academic coursework from other institutions completed during dismissed status must be documented and official transcripts submitted to the Office of Admissions.

41. An undergraduate student who has been reinstated after becoming deficient under Rule 38 or 39 will be on academic notice. The specific conditions of enrollment for students who are on academic notice will be determined by the interviewer or Review Board. Students on academic notice who fail to comply with the reinstatement conditions will be dismissed from the University.

70. TERM WITHDRAWAL

- c. Students on academic ~~probation notice~~ during the semester of their term withdrawal must obtain permission from the reinstatement coordinator on their campus to re-enroll.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2023.