

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary  
Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

**FOR:** Academic Affairs Committee

**DATE:** March 20, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Revise Rules 43 and 4

On March 19, 2024, AAC approved a proposal to revise Rules 43 and 4. The proposal was submitted by the Provost's Office and revised in consultation with the associate deans (for Rule 43), and by the Office of Admissions (for Rule 4).

The revision was prompted by a request to change the scope of former students covered and to lower the credit threshold for course restoration. There was also a desire to make the text clearer.

Currently, only former students who have been away from WSU for 4 years and who were required to be reinstated when they left are able to apply for the "Fresh Start Policy." The revision removes the stipulation for reinstatement. In addition, the revision lowers the credit amount that the student needs to earn, from 15 credits to 12, before the policy is activated.

At the same time, Rule 4 needed to be adjusted to reflect the same credit threshold and to clarify the text.

### Current wording of Rule 43:

## Undergraduate Academic Deficiency

### 43.

Former WSU students, dismissed under any academic deficiency rule, who have not been enrolled at WSU for four years or more may request at the time that they apply for readmission and reinstatement that all previous WSU work be disregarded. This includes all credits and grade points earned. Once the student is officially enrolled following the first day of the term, the student's transcript will be marked to indicate that the previous work is not considered as credit earned. After the subsequent completion of 15 semester hours of course work with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher at WSU, the prior credits earned in courses graded C or better will be restored. Only the courses and credit, not grades or grade points, will be restored. Requests for reinstatement for former WSU students will be considered by the Review Board in the Academic Success and Career Center on the Pullman campus, WSU Online, or designated office on other campuses.

### Revision of Rule 43:

## Undergraduate Academic Deficiency

### 43. Fresh Start Policy

Former students who have not attended WSU for at least four years and whose cumulative GPA was less than a 2.0 when they stopped attending may request a fresh start when they return to WSU.

A fresh start begins once the student is officially enrolled following the first day of the term. Initially, the student's transcript will be marked to indicate that the previous coursework does not count. All credits and grade points earned will be excluded.

After the student has completed 12 credits at WSU with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, the prior credits earned in courses graded C or better will be restored. Only the courses and credits, not grades or grade points, will be restored. The courses that were graded C- or below will remain excluded.

The restored credits will apply toward University requirements, which are set at the time of readmission to WSU and published in the catalog.

Students apply for a fresh start by contacting the designated office on their campuses: Pullman and Everett, the Academic Success and Career Center; Global, the student support team or advisor; Tri-Cities, the Learning Commons; and Vancouver, the Engaged Learning and Career Center.

#### Revision to Rule 4:

## Advanced Standing and Transfer Credit

### 4. TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

- d. In evaluating admission credentials of students with transfer work whose cumulative transfer grade point average is below a 2.00, all of the post-secondary transfer credit from a previous institution may be disregarded, provided the work was completed not less than four years before the time of enrollment at Washington State University. ~~Application of this policy is contingent upon the evidence of extenuating circumstances that present a significant probability of future academic success. The Faculty Admissions Subcommittee or its designee in the Office of Admissions will consider these admission requests.~~ After the student has completed ~~15~~ 12 semester hours ~~credits of satisfactory work at WSU with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, the prior credits earned in courses graded C of better will be restored. Only the courses and credits, not grades or grade points, will be restored. The courses that were graded C- or below will remain excluded.~~ credits of satisfactory work at WSU with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, the prior credits earned in courses graded C of better will be restored. Only the courses and credits, not grades or grade points, will be restored. The courses that were graded C- or below will remain excluded. ~~, the student may petition to restore the credits previously withheld. All credit earned in courses graded C or better will be considered for restoration and, if approved, only the courses and credit (not grades or grade points) will be restored.~~

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective spring 2024.