

TITLE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO *POLICY MANUAL* SECTIONS 5.6.6.0 ACADEMIC WARNING (SB); 5.6.6.1 ACADEMIC PROBATION (SB); 5.6.6.2 ACADEMIC SUSPENSION (SB) AND 5.6.6.3 ACADEMIC DISMISSAL (SB) (Academic, Student Affairs, and Workforce Development Committee, Action Item III.A.2.b)

BACKGROUND:

At its September, 2010 meeting, ASAC approved the following *Policy Manual* changes to clarify policy related to academic standing, i.e., warning, probation, suspension, and dismissal. The Council of Presidents reviewed the policy recommendations and approved them at their October meeting.

CURRENT POLICY

5.6.6 Academic Standing (SB)

Students are considered to be "in good academic standing" if they maintain a semester minimum GPA of 2.00, are eligible to reenroll at the college, and are not on academic suspension or dismissal status. Students on academic warning or academic probation who are eligible to reenroll may be considered eligible to receive financial aid assistance or other benefits requiring a "good academic standing" status.

5.6.6.0 Academic Warning (SB)

Students who fail to attain a minimum grade point average of 2.00 for any semester, shall be placed on academic warning.

5.6.6.1 Academic Probation (SB)

Students who fail to maintain a cumulative GPA of 1.50 shall be on academic probation until such time as their cumulative average is 1.50 or better. The statement "Academic Probation" shall be placed on their permanent records. Generally, persons on probation are ineligible for appointive or elective office in student organizations unless special permission is granted by the Dean of Student Services or another appropriate college administrator. Students may be required to carry less than a normal course load the following semester. Students on academic probation are required to consult with their counselor. Students shall be placed on probation only after they have attempted twelve (12) semester credit hours.

5.6.6.2 Academic Suspension (SB)

Students on academic probation who fail to attain a GPA of 1.50 shall be placed on suspension only after they have attempted twenty-four (24) semester credit hours. Academic suspension normally shall be for one semester unless the students reapply and are accepted for readmission to another curriculum of the college. The statement "Academic Suspension" shall be placed on the students' permanent records. Students who have been informed that they are on academic suspension should follow the appeal processes established by the college. Suspended students may be readmitted after termination of the suspension period.

5.6.6.3 Academic Dismissal (SB)

Students who do not maintain at least a 2.00 GPA for the semester of reinstatement to the college when on academic suspension shall be academically dismissed. Students who have been placed on academic suspension and achieve a 2.00 GPA for the semester of their reinstatement must maintain at least a cumulative 1.50 GPA in each subsequent semester of attendance. Students remain on probation until their cumulative GPA is raised to a minimum of 1.50. Failure to attain a cumulative 1.50 GPA in each subsequent semester until cumulative GPA reaches 1.50 shall result in academic dismissal. Academic dismissal normally is permanent unless, with good cause, students reapply and are accepted under special consideration following appeal processes established by the college. The statement "Academic Dismissal" shall be placed on the student's permanent records.

PROPOSED POLICY

5.6.6.0 Academic Warning (SB)

Students who fail to attain a minimum ~~grade point average~~ **GPA** of 2.00 for any semester shall be placed on academic warning. ***Students on academic warning should be encouraged to consult with their advisor/counselor and take advantage of academic support services provided by the college.***

5.6.6.1 Academic Probation (SB)

Students who fail to maintain a cumulative GPA of 1.50 shall be on academic probation until such time as their cumulative average is ~~1.50~~ **1.75** or better. The statement "Academic Probation" shall be placed on their permanent records. ~~Generally,~~ ***Students*** on probation are ineligible for appointive or elective office in student organizations unless special permission is granted by the Dean of Student Services or another appropriate college administrator. Students may be required to carry less than a normal load the following semester. ~~Students on academic probation~~ ***and*** are required to consult with their ***advisor/counselor***. Students shall be placed on probation only after they have attempted ~~twelve (12)~~ semester credits.

5.6.6.2 Academic Suspension (SB)

Students on academic probation who fail to attain a semester GPA of 1.50 or better shall be placed on suspension only after they have attempted ~~twenty-four (24)~~ semester credits ~~hours~~. Academic suspension ~~normally~~ shall be for one semester ~~unless the students reapply and are accepted for readmission to another curriculum of the college~~. The statement "Academic Suspension" shall be placed on the students' permanent records. Students who ~~have been informed that they~~ are placed on academic suspension ***and wish to appeal*** should follow the appeal process established by the college. Suspended students may be ~~readmitted after termination~~ ***reinstated at the conclusion*** of the suspension period ***by following the process established by the college***. ***Students who have been reinstated from academic suspension must achieve a 2.00 GPA for the semester of their reinstatement and must earn at least a 1.75 GPA in each subsequent semester of attendance. The statement "Subject to Dismissal" shall be***

placed on the students' permanent records. Students who have been reinstated from academic suspension will remain subject to dismissal until their cumulative GPA is raised to a minimum of 1.75. Reinstated students may be required to carry less than a normal course load the following semester and are required to consult with their advisor/counselor. Colleges are encouraged to make additional academic support available to students who have been reinstated following academic suspension.

5.6.6.3 Academic Dismissal (SB)

Students who do not ~~attain~~ ~~maintain~~ at least a 2.00 GPA for the semester of reinstatement ~~following to the college when on~~ academic suspension shall be academically dismissed. Students who have been placed on academic suspension and achieve *at least* a 2.00 GPA for the semester of their reinstatement *following academic suspension* must ~~maintain~~ *earn* at least a cumulative ~~1.50~~ *1.75* GPA in each subsequent semester of enrollment. ~~Students remain on probation until their cumulative GPA is raised to a minimum of 1.50.~~ Failure to attain a cumulative ~~1.50~~ *1.75* GPA in each subsequent semester until *the* cumulative GPA reaches ~~1.50~~ *1.75* shall result in academic dismissal. The statement "Academic Dismissal" shall be placed on the students' permanent records. Academic dismissal is normally permanent. ~~unless, with good cause, students reapply~~ *In exceptional circumstances, students may appeal and be reinstated following processes established by the college* and are accepted under special consideration following appeal processes established by the college. *Students who have been reinstated after academic dismissal will remain subject to dismissal until their cumulative GPA is raised to a minimum of 1.75. Reinstated students may be required to carry less than a normal course load the following semester and are required to consult with their advisor/counselor. Colleges are encouraged to make additional academic support available to students who have been reinstated following academic dismissal.*

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

It is recommended that State Board approve the proposed changes in policy language to be effective Fall 2010.

RATIONALE:

The proposed changes above are intended to clarify current policy so that any reader of the *VCCS Policy Manual* can understand the consequences of failing to meet specified GPAs and notations that will be placed on students' permanent records.

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