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Academic Suspension Policy

General Academic Proposal/Policy Cover Sheet

General Catalog Information

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This cover sheet is intended to provide information to members of the Education Policy Committee (EPC) and Faculty Senate about a new proposal/policy or about revisions to an existing proposal/policy.

Topic* **Academic Suspension Policy**

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Proposing:*

Activity Log

Susan Hines

Change academic policy or regulations .

- New academic policy or regulations .
- Change academic policy or regulations .
- Delete academic policy or regulations

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Policy*

Academic Suspension (Current Policy):

Students will be suspended from Longwood University if:

1. **After two consecutive regular semesters (fall and spring are considered regular semesters) on academic probation, the regular semester GPA is below a 2.00; or**
2. **Their cumulative grade point average falls below 1.00 with 1-44 GPA hours at Longwood; or**
3. **Their cumulative grade point average falls below 1.70 with 45**

or more GPA hours at Longwood.

Students are suspended at the end of the fall and spring semesters. Students suspended at the end of fall semester may not take winter intersession courses. Students suspended after spring semester may not take summer courses.

The first academic suspension means required withdrawal from the institution for the semester (fall or spring) immediately following the semester in which the suspension occurs. A student who was suspended for spring semester may apply for re-admission for summer term.

A second suspension means required withdrawal from the institution for a minimum of five calendar years. Notice of suspension is placed on the student's academic record.

Under extenuating circumstances, appeals for readmission or other exceptions to academic policies may be presented to the Faculty Petitions Committee. Students must contact the Office of the Registrar for information and deadlines for submitting an appeal.

For information on Petition deadlines see
<http://www.longwood.edu/registrar/procedures-forms/petitions/>

Academic Suspension (Proposed Policy):

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2. Their cumulative grade point average falls below 1.00 with 1-44 GPA hours at Longwood; or
3. Their cumulative grade point average falls below 1.70 with 45 or more GPA hours at Longwood.

Students are suspended at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

The first academic suspension means required withdrawal from the institution for the semester (Fall or Spring) immediately following the semester in which the suspension occurs. Students suspended at the end of fall semester may also not take winter intersession courses and will be dropped if they are registered for them. Students suspended after spring semester may also not take summer courses and will be dropped if they are registered for them.

Any additional suspensions means required withdrawal from the institution for a minimum of five calendar years. Notice of suspension is placed on the student's academic record.

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BACKGROUND

Provide a brief statement describing the origins of this proposal, the nature of the problem it addresses, and the work completed to devise the proposal*

The academic suspension policy speaks to when a student will be suspended due to poor academic standings.

SUMMARY

Provide a brief list or statement describing the content of the new policy or the proposed changes or deletions to an existing policy*

The new policy makes it easier for students to understand the policy and how it impacts them. We are not making any changes to the rules that put students on academic suspension, only the verbiage that speaks to the process.

- We made it more clear that students cannot return for at least one semester after being suspended.
- We clarified that students will be dropped from summer/intersession and cannot register for these terms if they are suspended to the connected semester.
- We clarified that any additional suspension after the first one results in a 5 year withdrawal period from the University

RATIONALE

Provide a brief statement as to why the new policy, the proposed changes, or the deletion is needed*

Students have been confused as to when they can reapply to the University after being suspended. Many who have been suspended in the Spring semester felt they could reapply for admission in the following Fall semester which is not the case. We have had student who have tried to register for summer as non-degree seeking students in summer after having been withdrawn from the University for academic suspension in

the spring. Finally we had a student who was suspended from the University twice. They appealed both times and was allowed to return. The student was suspended a third time and because we had nothing to address a third suspension in the policy the student fought the decision and was allowed to return.