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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2024
TO: Vice Presidents, Student Services
Vice Presidents, Instruction
FROM: Victor DeVore, Dean, Student Services
SUBJECT: Academic Standing – Fresh Start

Dear Colleagues,

The District Governance Council recently approved AP 4250 – Student Academic Standing, which changes academic and progress standards based on Title 5 updates. The following changes will be in effect for the **2024-2025 academic year**.

- A student who is on academic probation shall be subject to dismissal if the student earns a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of less than 2.0 in all units attempted in each of the three consecutive primary terms that were graded.
- A student who has been placed on progress probation shall be subject to dismissal if the percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of "W," "I," and "NP" are recorded in at least three consecutive primary terms exceeds fifty percent (50%).
- For purposes of this section, terms shall be considered consecutive based on the student's enrollment, so long as the break in the student's enrollment does not exceed one full primary term. Primary terms are defined as Fall and Spring only.
- We have renamed "disqualification" to "dismissal" in alignment with Title 5. Additionally, efforts will be made to reframe probation/dismissal as an intervention rather than a punitive measure.

As a reminder, we will no longer drop dismissed students due to the changes in probation and dismissal. Additionally, students are only expected to meet with a counselor and sign a *Student Academic Contract* to resume their studies.

Fresh Start Initiative

As part of the district's commitment to supporting student success and equity, we are implementing a Fresh Start Initiative that will reset the academic status of all students to good standing, effective after the finalization of Spring 2024 grades.

Key Changes:

- **Reset to Good Academic Standing:** All students under probation or dismissal will have their academic status reset to good standing. This reset will give our students a fresh start in their educational journey without the setbacks of past academic performance.
- **Remove Registration Holds for Students Who Were Dismissed:** Students who have an S09 registration hold will have their hold released. However, we recommend that students make an appointment with a counselor to help them stay in good standing.
- **Restoration of Enrollment Priority:** Students who have not exceeded 100 completed units will have their enrollment priority restored. This will facilitate earlier registration dates, allowing better access to required courses and improving the likelihood of timely graduation.
- **CCPG Eligibility Restoration:** The California College Promise Grant (CCPG) eligibility will be restored for students who were disqualified/dismissed. CCPG eligibility will be restored effective Summer 2024 semester.

Why Are We Doing This?

This initiative is aligned with our ongoing efforts to support student retention and success. By resetting academic and progress standards, we are providing our students with a clean slate, and fostering an academic environment that encourages persistence and completion.

More information will follow about what this will look like in Campus Solutions. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at vdevore@sdccd.edu.

Sincerely,

Victor DeVore
Dean, Student Services

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Student Services Managers/Supervisors