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Governors State University

POLICY ON UNDERGRADUATE READMISSIONS AND SPECIAL ADMISSIONS

I. Purpose

This policy provides for the possible petition for readmission by undergraduate students, who left on academic probation or who were suspended from the University. The policy also provides for cases of special admission requested by applicants who do not meet the published criteria for admission.

II. Readmission and Special Admissions

All readmissions involving undergraduate students who left the university while on academic probation or those suspended from Governors State University and all special admission cases (defined herein) shall be considered by the University Committee on Readmissions and Special Admissions. The committee shall make recommendations to the appropriate division or department chairperson or director, who will make the final decision with input from the program faculty.

A. Readmissions involving students on academic probation or suspended from Governors State University:

1. Students who have lost continuing status while on academic probation at GSU or who have been academically suspended must apply for admission and concurrently petition for readmission. Suspended students may petition for readmission to the university. Readmission under these circumstances shall not be effective until the student has been suspended for at least one semester
2. Current GSU non-degree seeking students not in good academic standing and applying for admission to a degree seeking program must petition for admission to the Committee on Readmissions and Special Admissions.
3. Students readmitted to the University who were on academic probation at GSU in their last semester as a continuing student return under the same status unless they have invoked their right of academic amnesty as defined in Policy 13. In some cases, the committee may recommend, subject to the approval of the dean, readmission on Academic Probation Extended status.

4. Students readmitted to the University who have been academically suspended will be placed on Academic Probation Extended status for their first semester after readmission unless they have invoked their right of academic amnesty, as defined in Policy 13.
 - a. Prior to beginning the first semester after suspension, the readmitted undergraduate student must successfully complete a student success re-entry intervention program implemented by the Academic Resource Center
 - b. Undergraduate students on Academic Probation Extended who subsequently achieve a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 shall be placed in academic good standing.
 - c. Undergraduate students on Academic Probation Extended shall remain in this status during each subsequent semester of enrollment as long as they meet or exceed a semester G.P.A. of 2.0 for each semester that they are on Academic Probation Extended status, as defined in Policy 14.
 - d. Undergraduate students on Academic Probation Extended who do not obtain a semester G.P.A. of 2.0 shall be academically suspended.
 - e. Students on Academic Probation Extended receiving a grade(s) of Incomplete will not be permitted to register for subsequent semesters until the Incomplete(s) has been removed.
5. Student Readmission Following a Second Suspension:
 - a. Students twice suspended for academic reasons from the University will not be considered for readmission to the University at any later date unless they meet all of the criteria below:
 - i. Has a written plan indicating what changes he/she has made or what circumstances have changed that will allow him/her to succeed if readmitted. This plan should include a support system either inside or outside of the university.
 - ii. Has a recommendation from the program faculty and/or division/department chair, and
 - iii. Is approved by the dean of the college or unit, and
 - iv. Is approved by the Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs.
 - b. If readmitted, the students will be admitted on Academic Probation Extended and shall remain in this status during each subsequent semester of enrollment as long as he/she meets or exceeds on a semester basis the minimum requirements for their level (semester G.P.A. of 2.0) for academic good standing.
6. International students admitted to the U.S. on an F-1 student visa, are responsible to comply with federal immigration regulations related to readmission after suspension and readmission. Students must contact the Office of International Services for additional information.

B. Special Admissions Cases

1. Applicants who do not meet the minimum admission criteria may petition for admission to a degree program in the following circumstances:
 - a. Applicants not in academic good standing at the last institution attended.
[Applicants who were suspended (dismissed) from their last institution on

academic grounds may petition for admission for a semester that begins at least one term after their suspension (dismissal).]

- b. Undergraduate applicants, with at least 60 semester hours of earned college credit, who have less than a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
 - c. Undergraduate applicants who have earned at least 54, but fewer than 60 semester hours of college credit.
 - d. Applicants are seeking admission based on credit/degree(s) earned from a nonregionally accredited-institution(s).
 - e. Applicants who cannot present either the minimum TOEFL scores or ELS level as defined by Policy 9.
2. Applicants who meet minimum University criteria for admission, but who do not meet more selective criteria established by the desired major, should petition directly to the appropriate division/department chair or director who will make a recommendation to the dean of the appropriate college/school.
 3. Applicants to the Interdisciplinary Studies program are exempt from the criteria addressed under Section II.B.1.c. above and are not subject to this policy as it relates to those criteria.
 4. Applicants not in good conduct standing at the last institution attended must petition for admission to the Committee on Readmissions and Special Admissions, which will make recommendations to the Dean of Students who will make a decision after consultation with the program faculty.

III. The University Committee on Readmissions and Special Admissions Committee Membership

- A. This committee shall be composed of one faculty member from each of the five colleges, appointed by the appropriate dean; the Director of Admissions or designee; the Registrar or designee; one representative from the Academic Resource Center; and one student selected by the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students.
- B. The Director of Admissions or designee and the Registrar or designee shall be permanent members of this committee. The Director of Admissions or designee shall be the permanent chairperson of this committee. Other members shall serve one year terms, effective with the beginning of the academic year.