

SPECIAL REPORT
of the
ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL
concerning
**APPLICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIREMENTS
TO STOCKBRIDGE STUDENTS RETURNING UNDER THE
"FRESH START" POLICY**

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**REPORT OF THE POLICIES SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE AMC
CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIREMENTS TO
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BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Current "Fresh Start" policy for students returning to their BA/BS degree programs, after three years of absence, does not apply directly to Stockbridge students returning to complete their Associate of Science degree. The Stockbridge School of Agriculture is proposing a Fresh Start policy that is in accord with the academic programs offered by the School.

PROPOSED POLICY

Students who return to the Stockbridge School after an absence of at least three years may choose the "Fresh Start" option. This option excludes the student's prior work from the calculation of their cumulative grade point average (GPA) and allows the student to begin a new cumulative GPA upon readmission to the Stockbridge School subject to the following conditions:

- A. A minimum of 30 credits must be completed in residence at the Stockbridge School in a matriculated program of study after the Fresh Start.
- B. All courses and grades attempted and earned in prior periods of enrollment, including academic notations, will remain a permanent part of the record. They will appear on the transcripts along with a notation that the courses and grades are not included in the cumulative GPA. However, the student's academic status may continue based on the status after the last enrollment at Stockbridge (i.e., if the student were on probation during the last semester of enrollment prior to Fresh Start, and upon return to Stockbridge the semester average was below 2.0, the student will be suspended for the semester. If the student was suspended several semesters earlier but in good standing the last semester of enrollment, and the GPA falls below a 2.0, the student will be put on probation).
- C. Students who are readmitted under the Fresh Start option will be subject to Stockbridge graduation requirements in effect at the time of readmission.
- D. Courses that are passed in earlier periods of enrollment with grades of C-, CD, D+ or D will *not* be accepted for satisfaction of any degree requirements following readmission. The student will lose credits previously earned in courses graded C-, CD, D+ or D.
- E. Core courses as required by each Stockbridge major must be passed with grades of C or higher.
- F. Courses, *other than core courses*, which were passed in earlier periods of enrollment with grades of CD or better, will be accepted toward satisfying the minimum requirements of 60 credits for completion of the Stockbridge Associate of Science degree.
- G. Once the Fresh Start policy is chosen, the student may **NOT** reverse the decision, and the student will remain subject to the above conditions.

MOVED: **That the Faculty Senate approve the addition of the above-stated provision to the existing "Fresh Start" policy (Academic Regulations III-K) as a set specific for eligible Stockbridge students returning to the University after an absence of at least three years, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 08-021.**

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