

SPECIAL REPORT

of the

ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL

concerning

**A CHANGE TO
THE APPLICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIREMENTS
TO STUDENTS RETURNING UNDER THE
“FRESH START” POLICY**

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I. BACKGROUND

Undergraduate students who return to the University after an absence of at least three years are eligible to have their cumulative grade point average revised, under provisions of the University's "Fresh Start" policy. New provisions to this policy were adopted May 6, 2004, Faculty Senate Document No. 04-039.

While it will be a long while before students taking courses now will be eligible to return to the University under Fresh Start, new provisions need to be added to bring the current policy into conformity with the new +/- grading scheme.

II. AMC RECOMMENDATIONS

The AMC recommends that the current provisions of the "Fresh Start" policy which describe how courses will be counted towards graduation credit and into the cumulative GPA read as follows: (The change is underlined.)

"Students who return to the University after an absence of at least three years may have their prior work not included in their cumulative grade point average subject to the following conditions:

1. Courses taken and grades achieved in the first admission will appear on the transcript along with a notation that they are not included in the cumulative average.
2. General Education and free elective credits passed with a grade of C- or better in the first admission will be counted toward graduation credit upon readmission but will not be included in the cumulative average.
3. Major program courses taken in the first admission must be approved as part of the major program for graduation by the major department. Courses accepted to the major will not be included in the calculation of the major grade point average.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve A Change to the Application of
19-05 Academic Standing Requirements to Students Returning Under the "Fresh Start" Policy, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-021.