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TO: Richard Koubek, President

FROM: Andrew Storer, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs 

DATE: April 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Senate Proposal 20-24

Attached is Senate proposal 20-24, "Academic Policies and Scholastic Standards," and a memo stating the Senate passed this proposal at their April 17, 2024 meeting. I have reviewed this proposal and recommend approving this proposal.

I concur do not concur with the provost's recommendation as stated in this memo.



Richard Koubek, President

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DATE: April 18, 2024
TO: Richard Koubek, President
FROM: Robert Hutchinson
University Senate President
SUBJECT: Proposal 20-24
COPIES: Andrew Storer, Provost & Senior VP for Academic Affairs

At its meeting on April 17, 2024, the University Senate approved Proposal 20-24, "Academic Policies and Scholastic Standards." Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

University Senate of Michigan Technological University
Proposal 20-24

~~Academic Policies and Scholastic Standards Undergraduate Scholastic Standards~~
(Voting Units: Academic)

Submitted by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee

Introduction:

Senate [policy 107.1](#) includes improper wording that falls into one of two categories: 1) it is outdated and no longer relevant or 2) it is a duplication of other policies. The intention of this proposal is to remove the outdated and unnecessary wording because policies should not be embedded in other policies. The proposed amendments do not alter the standards of the policy as the core piece of this policy remains unchanged.

Background:

Senate [proposal 3-72](#) introduced a minimum number of credits required for ROTC courses. With no rationale stated in the proposal and no transcript of the Senate minutes from that time, it is unclear what the intention was or how it ended up in this policy. Regardless, we do not require ROTC courses, so this wording should be removed. The last three paragraphs are snippets of other policies. [Transfer credit](#), [repeating a course](#), and [prerequisites](#) are all their own policies and should not be duplicated in this policy. With these pieces removed from the policy, any reference to them should be removed from the title so that the title is an accurate reflection of the policy's core purpose.

Proposed Amendments:

1. Remove the following sections:
 - a. Academic Credit for ROTC classes
 - b. Transfer Credit
 - c. Repeating a Course
 - d. Prerequisites
2. Rename the policy to “**Undergraduate** Scholastic Standards”

Proposed Policy (changes are in red):

~~Academic Credit for ROTC classes~~

~~The minimum number of credits for R.O.T.C. courses, as listed in the catalog by AR or AF numbers, which may be applied to a baccalaureate degree, shall be six (6). The individual faculties shall be responsible for selecting the courses and establishing the maximum number of credits for which baccalaureate credit will be granted. AR and AF courses which may be used for physical education requirements may be considered only to satisfy that requirement and are excluded from consideration under this policy.~~

Academic Suspension and Dismissal

An **undergraduate** student is placed on academic suspension if the cumulative GPA is below 2.0 after a semester of academic probation or if the student is not restored to good academic standing after two semesters of probation regardless of the cumulative GPA. A student is also placed on academic suspension if the term GPA is 0.0 when a student attempts 12 or more credits. A suspended student will have the right to appeal. Students will be informed of their suspension and given information on the appeal

process after grades are processed each term. More detailed information about the appeal process can be found on the Dean of Students website.

A student who receives a notice of academic suspension will not be permitted to enroll at the University for a specified period of time. Upon receiving a first notice of academic suspension, a student must sit out for at least one semester, plus a summer. That is, a student suspended at the end of a fall semester may not re-enroll until the following fall, and a student suspended at the end of a spring semester may not re-enroll until the following spring. A student who is suspended at the end of a summer term will be permitted to request reinstatement the following spring. Upon receiving a second notice of academic suspension, a student must sit out two semesters, plus a summer. Upon reinstatement after a second suspension, failure to achieve good academic standing or show substantial academic progress within one semester will result in academic dismissal. Students may appeal an academic dismissal. However, if no appeal is submitted or the appeal is denied, there is no opportunity for reinstatement after academic dismissal.

Reinstatement

A student suspended for unsatisfactory academic progress may apply for reinstatement through a written request to the Dean of Students after a period of non-enrollment. A student who is reinstated after academic suspension will be reinstated on academic probation and shall be considered as having enrolled under the catalog and curriculum in effect at the time of enrollment.

Upon reinstatement, failure to achieve good academic standing or show substantial academic progress by the end of one semester will result in a second suspension. Upon reinstatement after a second suspension, failure to achieve good academic standing or show substantial academic progress within one semester will result in academic dismissal. There is no opportunity for reinstatement after academic dismissal.

Transfer Credit

~~Students may transfer equivalent credit from another institution with grades of C or better in the equivalent courses at the other institution.~~

Repeating a Course

~~Students may not repeat courses in which they have earned a grade of C or better. When a course is repeated, the most recent grade will be used to calculate the GPA, credits earned toward graduation, and determination of class standings. When a course is repeated, any credit previously earned under the course number is forfeited and the transcript will indicate NR (no grade-repeated) for the earlier attempt. Students must have the permission of the dean of student affairs and their academic advisor for the third attempt at any one course. Courses exempt from the repeat rule are those that may be repeated for credit as indicated in the course description.~~

Prerequisites

~~A student may not elect a course unless he/she has the proper prerequisites. Courses in which D and GD grades were earned should be repeated before electing an advanced course. Departments may also require C or better grades in some prerequisite courses. Students should check both the course number and the required grade to determine if they are qualified to move to the next course.~~