

Academic Governing Council
Decision Form

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.

Decision:

The AGC voted to approve the revision of Academic Standing Policy Subsection 8.17: Grand Rapids Community College requires all students to make satisfactory academic progress.

Changes in the policy include:

- Students being suspended for two consecutive semesters (including summer session) rather than one year (Fall/Winter; Winter/Summer; Summer/Fall).
- An early return option after one semester or session suspension with required enrollment in CLS 102 or PY 97 (if required and not passed).
- Early return student are limited to eight (8) total credits for the semester or session.

Rationale:

- Language changes reflect modified process.
- Improved engagement and success of suspended students.
- Present suspension time period is not demonstrating success when students return.
- CLS 102 and PY 97 provide a learning experience to improve academic and student success skills.

Supporting Data:

There is no evidence that a longer suspension period leads to improved success once students return.

When students return from longer suspension periods, with no intervention like a CLS102 experience, generally do not succeed.

Most colleges do not have as long a suspension period as GRCC's former policy.

Implications for Action:

GRCC Academic Standing Policy is now consistent with the College's actual practice. This keeps us in compliance with the Higher Learning Commission requirements for making readily available to students and to the general public clear and complete information including: policies regarding academic good standing, probation, and dismissal.

By allowing students in the early return pathway to enroll in up to eight (8) hours, it enables them to be eligible for financial aid.

Evaluation Plan:

This policy should be reviewed again in the 2019-2020 Academic Year.

Date of Decision by AGC:

October 8, 2013

Response from Provost:

And B. G. October, 2013

The Provost endorses this Common Syllabus policy as approved by the AGC effective Winter 2014.