

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS

February 14, 2012

PRESENT: Jacobus Boers, Scott Burke, Allison Calhoun-Brown, David Cheshire, Carol Cohen, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Olga Jarrett, Colleen Joyce, Paul Katz, Christopher Kocela, Kathryn McClymond, Felisha Norrington, Joe Perry, Shari Piotrowski, George Rainbolt, Tim Renick, Brian Thoms, Elizabeth Throop, Gertrude Tinker-Sachs, Winnie Tsang-Kosma, David Washburn, Shelley-Ann Williams

Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting were approved.

Motion re Repeat to Replace of Quarter Courses

The Committee approved the motion to amend the Repeat to Replace policy to disallow the use of the Repeat to Replace policy to replace grades awarded prior to semester conversion.

An undergraduate student may request to have a grade excluded from GP A computation under the following conditions:

1. Before requesting to apply the repeat-to-replace policy, a student must have retaken the same undergraduate course (or the renumbered substitute for that course) in the same department at GSU and earned a higher grade in the course retaken.
2. No more than a total of four course grades (from four different courses) may be replaced and excluded from the student's GPA.
3. Once a request has been approved, the request cannot be revoked or reversed.
4. This policy applies only to the first recorded grade in a course that a student has repeated. For example, suppose that a student took a course three times. The student may use the second or third grade to replace the first grade. The student may not use the third grade to replace the second grade.
5. This policy does not apply if the original grade was assigned as a result of a violation of the Academic Honesty policy. (The University maintains internal records of violations of the Academic Honesty policy. In addition, in some cases, violations of the Academic Honesty policy are noted on the transcript. Whether the violation is recorded internally or on the transcript, a student may not replace a grade that was awarded as a result of a violation of the Academic Honesty policy.)
6. The Repeat-to-Replace applies only to degree-seeking students pursuing their first undergraduate degree at GSU.
7. *Students may not use this policy to replace grades awarded prior to semester conversion.*

Under the above conditions, undergraduate students who have retaken courses and earned a higher grade may request to have the first grade excluded from their institutional GPA. If the request is approved, the Office of the Registrar will make appropriate notations next to the original course and the retaken course on the student's official transcript. Grades for all attempts at the course will appear on the student's official transcript regardless of whether or not the grade has been excluded from the student's GPA. This policy has no effect on any GPA requirements set by state or federal

laws/regulations (such as the GPA requirements set by the HOPE scholarship program). A copy of the request and approval will become part of the student's permanent record file. This policy will take effect for courses that are repeated Fall 2011 or thereafter. Students who have repeated courses prior to this date will not be allowed to delete earlier attempts from their GP A calculation. This policy does not override the Senate policy that allows units to prohibit students from repeating courses.

GP Grades in the Academic Honesty Policy

The Motion to modify the policy on Academic Honesty and GP Grades was approved as amended and is effective immediately.

Motion:

The Academic Honesty Policy is modified as follows.

Confusing language that indicates multiple times when a GP grade should be recorded has been deleted. The revisions make it clear that a GP grade is filed when an academic honesty charge is made and the GP grade is removed when the case is resolved.

While it does not require a policy change, the subcommittee discussed this matter with the Office of Financial Aid. When a student receives a GP grade, their HOPE eligibility will be held as pending until the case is resolved. The Office of the Registrar and the Office of Financial Aid are working on a system to communicate the placing and removal of GP grades.

Motion to Create a Signature Experiences/Fellows Program

The Committee discussed the February 6, 2012 Draft of the proposal to create a Signature Experiences/Fellows Program.

Motion:

Georgia State University will advance the signature experiences component of the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan by implementing a Fellows program. The motion was sent back to Subcommittee.

Upper-Level Global Perspectives Graduation Requirement

The motion on an Upper-Level Global Perspectives Graduation Requirement was discussed. George Rainbolt will take feedback from the Committee back to Sara Weigle, Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Programs.

Motion:

To earn a baccalaureate degree, all students must earn a grade of C or better in at least one 3000-4000 level course with a global perspectives (G) designation.

The G designation must be approved through the normal curriculum change process and then by the Undergraduate Council of CAP. Courses with a G designation will be designed to develop globally competent students.

Rationale:

Goal 5 of GSU's Strategic Plan calls on GSU to "achieve distinction in globalizing the University." Under Goal 5, Initiative calls on GSU to "enhance the global competency of students, faculty and staff." This motion, coupled with GSU's global perspectives requirement in Area E of the core curriculum will insure that GSU graduates have a foundation of global competency. The Global Education Initiative is a third part of the move to globalize the curriculum.

Motion re RCB Upper-Division Admission Requirements

The Committee approved the motion on RCB Upper-Division Admission Requirements, effective Fall 2013. The motion repeals the 2.5 minimum GPA requirements for all students enrolled in RCB courses. The proposal insure that once a student is an RCB major, he/she will be able to take RCB courses as long as he/she is eligible to enroll at GSU.

Motion:

The following Catalog text is adopted:

7020.40 Eligibility Requirement for RCB Courses

Students may not register for any 3000/4000-level course taught by the Robinson College of Business unless they meet eligibility requirements.

7020.41 Initial Eligibility Requirements for Students Admitted to Georgia State University as Freshman (i.e. a native GSU student with no transfer credit)

Students in this category, regardless of degree program or status, may not enroll in upper-level courses (those numbered 3000-4999) offered by the Robinson College of Business unless they meet the following requirements:

- Earned at least 45 semester hours of college-level credit.
- Completed RCB's Area F: Business Foundation with an Area F GPA of 2.8 or better. In attempting to satisfy this requirement each Area F course may be attempted only *twice*. The Area F GPA will be computed using the *last attempt* in each course. A WF counts as an attempt.

7020.42 Initial Eligibility Requirements for Students Admitted to Georgia State University as Transfer Students (i.e. has been given transfer credit by Georgia State for course work completed at another academic institution, regardless of class standing)

Students in this category, regardless of degree program or status, may not enroll in upper-level courses (those numbered 3000-4999) offered by the Robinson College of Business unless they meet the following requirements:

- Earned at least 45 semester hours of college-level credit.
- Completed RCB's Area F: Business Foundation with an area F GPA of 2.8 or better. The grades in Area F courses transferred to GSU or taken in residence will be used to compute the Area F GPA. Each Area F course may be attempted only *twice at Georgia State regardless of previous attempts at other institutions*. The Area F GPA will be computed using the *last attempt* in each course. A WF counts as an attempt.

7020.43 Continuing Eligibility Requirements for Students

Once a student is eligible to take 3000/4000 RCB courses under either section 7021.41 or 7020.42 of this catalog they may remain eligible to take 3000/4000 level RCB courses as long as they maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher and remain in good standing. If the student's GPA falls below the 2.0 required he or she will have one semester to raise the GPA to the standard. If unable they will be ineligible to enroll in additional 3000/4000 level RCB courses and will be advised into another degree program.

Passed subject to funding from the University to support implementation.

Motion to Petition the USG Chancellor Expressing Opposition to Policies Excluding Undocumented Students from Georgia Universities and Colleges

The Committee considered a draft letter to USG Chancellor Hank Huckaby expressing opposition to policies excluding undocumented students from Georgia universities and colleges. A version of the letter was approved by a joint subcommittee represented by Admission and Standards, Faculty Affairs, and Student Life and Development. The Faculty Affairs Committee made some substantive revisions and that version is currently being considered simultaneously by Admissions and Standards and via e-vote by Faculty Affairs and the Student Life and Development Committees. After much discussion, the Committee approved the letter to be forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee with the recommendation to the Chair, that if he received different versions of the letter that he consult with Olga Jarrett and the chairs of the Committees that sent their version of the letter forward.

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