

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: September 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rules 38 and 39

On March 19, 2024, AAC approved a proposal to revise Rules 38 and 39. The proposal was initiated by the Provost's Office and the Academic Success and Career Center. The main revision to both rules is to insert a paragraph about the appeals process for academic suspension or dismissal. Currently, this is not described in the rule, but an appeals process is available. A second revision is to change the word "recessed" to "suspended" since students don't know what recessed means.

The revision is supported by the advising community on all campuses.

Proposed Rules with markup:

Undergraduate Academic Deficiency

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(b) First-time, first-year undergraduate students are ~~recessed~~ suspended from the University after their first term of enrollment if their semester grade point average is below 1.0. Individuals are ~~recessed~~ suspended from the university for one full semester (Fall or Spring). To re-enroll for courses offered through any WSU campus students must apply for reinstatement. ~~Recessed~~ Suspended individuals may not seek status as a non-degree seeking student. ~~Recessed~~ Suspended individuals may enroll in summer session.

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At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2024.