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University Senate
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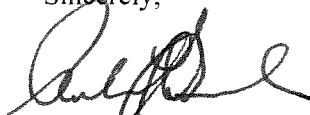
Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I write in response to the Report and Recommendations on University Senate Charge S-1206 on Academic Regulations, Student Achievement, and Effective Use of Resources, which was endorsed by the University Senate at their meeting on January 24, 2014. Please thank the members of the Senate's Academic Standards, Regulations and Admissions Committee (ASRAC) for their recommendations in this area.

The report looks at multiple academic policies and their impacts on student achievement and makes recommendations regarding students who repeatedly fail the same course, the replacement of grades when students retake failed courses, and different course withdrawal deadlines across different units. The administration is pleased to support recommendations 2 through 5, which add a letter grade of D to those unsatisfactory grades which may be replaced if the course is repeated successfully and clarify our policies relating to that and the withdrawal from courses. By copy of this email, I am asking Leslie Fehrenbach to review these revised policies and determine the appropriateness of including any or all of them in the University Policy Library.

With respect to Recommendation 1, which would prohibit students from registering for courses they have failed multiple times unless they seek out appropriate academic advising, I am asking University Registrar Ken Iuso to work with members of ASRAC to examine this issue over the next several months and determine the best way of implementing this recommendation, given the technical limitations of our registration system. I hope that a feasible plan can be in place by the start of the fall 2014 semester.

Sincerely,



Robert Barchi

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