

POLICY MEMORANDUM

To: Bill Harbaugh, University Senate President
Chris Sinclair, University Senate Vice President

Cc: Scott Coltrane, Senior Vice President and Provost
Kelly Wolf, PAC Chair
Angela Wilhelms, University Secretary
Betina Lynn, University Senate Executive Coordinator

From: Amanda Hatch, Policy Coordinator 

Date: November 4, 2016

The following policy has been submitted for repeal or revision (noted below) and is forwarded to the University Senate (Senate) for consideration pursuant to the Policy on University Policies (I.03.01), Section 5, which governs academic policies.

President Schill and Provost Coltrane respectfully request that the Senate review this proposal and return its recommendation to the PAC within 60 days, excluding university holidays and breaks. The deadline is noted below. If more than 60 days is required, a request articulating the reason may be submitted to the Provost, facilitated through me.

1. UO Policy 05.00.03 – Student Eligibility for Activities (Revise) - Response due by February 5, 2017

Enclosed you will find the policy concept form, a redline version of the proposed revisions to UO Policy 05.00.03, and an addendum explaining certain revisions from the Faculty Athletics Representative.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Policy Concept Form

All policy proposals including new policy concepts, recommendations to revise, or requests to repeal must be submitted via this form to the University Secretary. The Secretary will forward completed concept forms to the President's Policy Advisory Council for consideration pursuant to I.03.01 Policy on University Policies. When submitting a policy concept form, please keep the following university definition of "policy" in mind:

A University Policy ("Policy") is a policy that (1) has broad application or impact throughout the University community, (2) must be implemented to ensure compliance with state or federal law, (3) is necessary to enhance the University's mission, to ensure institutional consistency and operational efficiency, or to mitigate institutional risks; or (4) is otherwise designated by the Board or the President as a University Policy subject to the Policy- Making Process authorized in section 4. A policy establishes rights, requirements or responsibilities. Excluded from this definition are things such as, but not limited to, implementation guides, operating guidelines, internal procedures, and similar management controls and tools.

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Policy Subject Matter (please included existing policy number(s) if available)

UO Policy 05.00.03 - Student Eligibility for Activities. This policy governs student eligibility requirements for two primary activities: participation in intercollegiate athletics, and participation as an elected or appointed officer within the ASUO or as a student rep on university committees.

Statement of Need and Desired Result (please describe what we accomplish with the proposed action)

This policy has not been reviewed or updated since 1985. The spirit and intent is still good, but Athletics, the Registrar, and Student Life have proposed language updates to make the policy easier to understand and comply with long-standing practices. The proposed edits were made by the FAR and Registrar for the paragraph on intercollegiate athletics, and by the VP for Student Life and ASUO staff for the paragraphs on ASUO and student committees. With regard to the change in language surrounding "good standing" vs. full-time, Time Gleason, the Faculty Athletics Representative, provides a one pager to articulate the reasons for his and Sue Eveland's (Registrar) proposed changes. It is attached to the draft.

Affected Policy Stakeholders (please list all known impacted stakeholders and the nature of those impacts)

None. Proposed updates are consistent with UO long-standing UO practice.

Proposed Action (i.e., new, revision, repeal)

Revision.

Reason for Policy

To describe student status and student eligibility for activities and office holding.

Entities Affected by this Policy

Students at the University of Oregon.

Web Site Address for this Policy

<http://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/05-students/student-eligibility-activities>

Responsible Office

For questions about this policy, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Life (541-346-1137) or the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' Compliance Office (541-346-4486)

Enactment & Revision History

02/08/2010 Policy number revised from 5.000 to 05.00.02
10/04/1985 Reviewed and Approval Recommended by President's Staff
05/01/1977 Issued as AM 17.030

Policy

A student who is suspended or expelled from the University of Oregon (University or UO) or who is disqualified for enrollment by the Scholastic Review Committee or Admissions Office is denied all privileges of student status at this institution.

No student may participate in intercollegiate athletic competition unless the student has been certified eligible by the Faculty Athletic Representative. A student is ~~automatically~~ ineligible for any such certification unless the student is currently enrolled as a regular full-time student in good standing, carrying at least 12 term hours of work. (A lighter load is permitted for ~~senior and graduate~~ students in their final term of enrollment, if conferral of the degree will not be delayed.) The rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and ~~of the Pacific-12~~ 10 Conference, govern in questions of athletic eligibility.

To be eligible ~~to hold elective or appointed office in the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) for holding office in the ASUO~~, students ~~shall must~~ be a member of the ASUO and also be ~~registered-enrolled in eight undergraduate or the equivalent graduate credit hours (except during summer term)~~ at the University ~~on the Eugene campus~~. All elected~~ive~~ and appointed officers and candidates for election shall meet additional ~~such academic~~ requirements as ~~are or shall be~~ set forth in the ASUO Constitution or By-Laws ~~in the form in which they are filed with the President of the University. No student shall be eligible as a candidate for an office or to hold office unless certified by the Director of Erb Memorial Union as having met all of the above requirements.~~ The ASUO shall notify the Vice President for Student Life ~~of the University~~ prior to the effective date of any changes in eligibility requirements.

Officers of all registered and all recognized student organizations of the University ~~of Oregon~~ must be members of the ASUO ~~University community (students, faculty, staff, and members of their immediate families)~~ and meet any additional requirements set by the ASUO ~~Associated Students of the University of Oregon~~.

Related Resources

NA

Addendum re “good standing” in UO Policy University of Oregon Policy 05.00.03 Student Eligibility for Activities

The 1985 revision of the policy states: "the student is currently enrolled as a regular full-time student in good standing." At the UO Good Standing currently is defined as "When the student's term GPA is 2.00 or higher and the cumulative UO GPA is 2.00 or higher, the student is in good academic standing." (<https://registrar.uoregon.edu/current-students/academic-standing>) So, let's say that a student athlete has a 3.0 GPA going into her 11th quarter and for some reason tanks the term (but completes 6 credits and meets progress to degree requirements) and ends up with a 1.75 GPA for the term and an overall GPA of 2.7 and is now on Academic Warning based on the term GPA. That student would still be eligible to graduate from most if not all UO degree programs and would still be eligible to complete under NCAA and PAC-12 rules.

The current UO Policy concerning Academic Warning/Probation/Disqualification essentially gives a student 4 terms to turn around a below 2.0 performance. The NCAA GPA and progress-to-degree policies require a student to achieve and maintain a 2.0 GPA by his or her 10th quarter. The student athlete who is consistently falling below 2.0 is going to either become ineligible under NCAA regulations or become academically disqualified with his or her case before the Scholastic Review Committee. My view is that it is better to leave these checks and balances at the Faculty, Registrar and NCAA-levels rather than include a “good standing” standard at the board policy level.

I would also note that the “good standing” requirement is not applied to any of the other student categories covered in the policy.

I shared this analysis with the Registrar. Her response follows:

I agree with your assessment and with your edit to remove that line from the policy draft. It is true that "good standing" has a very narrow definition here (it was set by faculty), but that students who are on warning or even probation - even second probation - are eligible to enroll in classes and even graduate. There is no University Requirement that mandates that students have to be in "good standing" to graduate and we award degrees all the time to students on warning or probation, so long as their cumulative GPA is a 2.0 (which is possible because we allow students to enroll in the summer while disqualified in order to redeem themselves).

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10.14.16