Academic Freedom and Standards Committee

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AFSC Committee held two rounds of online meetings via e-mail in the academic year 2012-13.

In the first meeting, which was held during September 4-6, 2012, the committee elected a new chair (Fikret Ercal). Discussion for the ‘Academic Forgiveness Policy Proposal’ which was in the agenda was postponed for a later date and handed over to the new chair.

The second online meeting was held during November 25-27, 2013. In this meeting, the chair forwarded the proposed ‘Academic Forgiveness Policy’ documents to the members and asked their opinion about the changes to the proposal. AFSC members recommended the approval of the proposed policy with the condition that the forgiveness should be limited to one semester only.

After the November meeting, the AFSC chair (Fikret Ercal) asked Michael Davis, the chair of RP&A Committee, to include the ‘Academic Forgiveness Policy Proposal’ in the next RP&A Committee meeting agenda and subsequently, in the Faculty Senate meeting agenda which was to be held in January 24, 2013.

In Jan. 24, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting, Fikret Ercal, the chair of AFSC presented the proposal to the members of the Faculty Senate and asked their approval of the ‘Academic Forgiveness Policy’. After some discussion, the Senate approved an amended version of the proposal which is included as an appendix in this report. Hence, Missouri S&T adapted the Academic Forgiveness Policy in Appendix A effective immediately.
APPENDIX A

Academic Forgiveness Policy

The Missouri University of Science and Technology has an academic forgiveness policy to enable those students who did not perform adequately in their undergraduate enrollment at Missouri S&T to be given a second chance to pursue their undergraduate academic goals. Students returning to Missouri S&T to pursue an undergraduate degree after an extended absence may request permission to remove one or more complete academic terms from future degree and GPA considerations. Academic forgiveness is a policy of Missouri University of Science and Technology and as such may not be recognized by outside institutions or agencies.

Eligibility

To be eligible for academic forgiveness consideration, students must meet these requirements:

- Students must have not been enrolled as degree-seeking at Missouri University of Science and Technology or any other University of Missouri System campus for four or more consecutive years.
- Students must not have graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology.
- Students must be admitted as degree-seeking and have earned a minimum of 12.0 credits hours with at least a 2.5 GPA of record for those hours at Missouri University of Science and Technology within the past 12 months.

Conditions

Academic forgiveness is based on the following conditions:

- All courses and credits taken during the chosen terms will be removed from consideration for GPA and degree requirements. Students may not combine individual courses from multiple terms to compose the semester(s) dropped.
- All courses and grades for the chosen terms will remain on the student’s academic record with a notation showing that those hours and grades will not count toward cumulative hours, nor GPA, nor can they be used to fulfill any degree requirements.
- Forgiveness may be applied only to academic terms completed prior to the student’s extended absence.
- Students may only be granted academic forgiveness once.
- Degree requirements met during the dropped terms must be repeated.
- To be eligible for a degree, students must complete a minimum of 24 credits at Missouri University of Science and Technology after the granting of academic forgiveness.
- Academic forgiveness only applies to Missouri University of Science and Technology undergraduate courses and is not applicable to transfer work or graduate work.
- Only students who are readmitted to a degree program at the undergraduate level at Missouri University of Science and Technology are eligible to apply for forgiveness.
- Academic Forgiveness must be approved by the primary academic department on a case-by-case basis.

Procedures

- Students should discuss their desire to pursue academic forgiveness with an academic advisor in the primary department to which they have been admitted.
- Students should submit an Application for Academic Forgiveness form to the Registrar’s Office.
- For each term approved for academic forgiveness, a note will appear on the transcript.