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## Senate Recommendation to the Provost

Originating Body Academic Policies Committee Originator Denise Rotondo, Chair *DR*

Date submitted April 9, 2003

Requested Effective date Fall, 2003

Recommendation Upon the recommendation of the APC, the Faculty Senate voted in favor of changing the expected minimum academic standards used to make decisions about probation and dismissal actions in accordance with the chart found in the attached document. The substantive change from the policy that was approved last Fall is the point at which a student is expected to remain in good academic standing. The new policy, endorsed and recommended by the Senate on April 8, 2003, places that point at 60 credit hours (rather than 90). The new GPA guidelines for minimum academic performance to remain on probation for students with less than 60 hours are also outlined in the chart. We ask that you approve the academic standards outlined for implementation beginning Fall, 2003.

Attach any supporting documentation. **See Draft Catalogue Copy Attached. Chart approved is found at the bottom of page 2 in bold face print.**

Action Taken by Provost:

Date 4/10/03

☒ Recommendation Accepted ☐ Recommendation Not Accepted

☐ Recommendation returned to Originating Body for further review (see attached)

Disposition for Approved Recommendation:

☐ President  
☒ Faculty Senate Chair

☐ Forum Chair

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☐ Graduate Council

☐ Provost Council

☒ Other: Denise Rotondo

Signature: *DR*

**Probation/Dismissal Policy**  
**Approved by the Academic Policies Committee**  
**Approved and Recommended by the Faculty Senate, April 8, 2003**

**Definitions used in this policy:**

**Admitted (A.k.a. Matriculated) Students** - students admitted to the University, attending full- or part-time, pursuing a bachelor's degree. They are either in good academic standing or on academic probation.

**Students in Good Academic Standing** - students whose SU cumulative GPA's are at least 2.0. Students who are not in good academic standing are either on academic probation or on restricted status.

**Students on Academic Probation** - students who are not in good academic standing but who are still admitted and pursuing degrees. Such students have academic (and other) limitations placed upon them.

**Restricted Status Students** - previously-admitted students whose admissions have been revoked because of poor academic performance and who are thereby neither admitted nor pursuing a degree. These students are allowed to register as (non-admitted) students, but in most cases only part-time.

**Dismissed Students** - previously-enrolled students who are no longer allowed to attend the University (for at least five years).

**Principles implemented in this draft:**

1. Without regard for either the number of hours they have toward graduation or their semester performances, students who begin a semester (or term or session) in good standing will be placed on academic probation if they conclude that semester not in good standing.
2. Students on academic probation who fail to regain good academic standing will be allowed to continue on academic probation provided both 1) their semester GPA's are 2.0 or higher, and 2) their cumulative GPA's are at or above the minimum values in the chart which follows.
3. Students on academic probation who both fail to attain good academic standing and who fail to qualify to remain on probation will have their admissions revoked and they will have their academic standing changed to restricted status.
4. **Whenever students are placed in restricted status, they will have three registrations to attain good academic standing. If, after three registrations, they have failed to attain good academic standing, they will be dismissed.**
5. Restricted status students who are eligible for readmission must follow the appropriate readmission procedures prior to registration.

## GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING (Undergraduate Students)

Students are admitted into Salisbury University in good academic standing. Students who have received Salisbury University grades and whose Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are at least 2.0 remain in good academic standing. Grade-point averages will be computed whenever grades are awarded or changed. Consequently a student's academic standing can change at any time.

## UNSATISFACTORY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (Undergraduate Students)

### Academic Probation, Restricted Status, and Academic Dismissal

Admitted students whose Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are less than 2.0 will be placed on academic probation. Students on probation who fail to return to good standing or who fail to meet the criteria which allows them to remain on probation will have their admissions revoked and their academic standing changed to restricted status. Restricted status students may be academically dismissed for inadequate academic performance.

### Academic Probation

Students on academic probation may register for no more than five courses for a total of 16 credit hours per semester and may not elect to take any courses on a pass/fail basis if the courses are offered for a grade.

Admitted students who are in good academic standing at the beginning of a semester (or term or session) but who are no longer in good academic standing at the conclusion of that semester (respectively term or session), will be allowed to register as students on academic probation. At the conclusion of any semesters (or terms or sessions) while on academic probation:

- ❑ Students will be returned to good academic standing if their Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are at least 2.0.
- ❑ Students who fail to attain good academic standing will be allowed to continue to register as students on academic probation provided they satisfy both of the following conditions: 1) they earn semester (or term or session) grade-point averages of at least 2.0, and 2) their cumulative grade-point averages are greater than or equal to the appropriate minimums in the chart below.
- ❑ Students on probation who fail to attain good academic standing will have their admissions revoked and they will be allowed to continue to register for classes as restricted status students if either 1) they earn semester (or term or session) grade-point average less than 2.0, or 2) their cumulative grade-point averages are less than the appropriate minimums in the chart below.

Credit Hours (Including transfer credits) toward a degree	Minimum Salisbury University Cumulative Grade-Point Average
Fewer than 30	1.4
30 – 35	1.5
36 – 41	1.6
42 – 47	1.7
48 – 53	1.8
54 – 59	1.9
60 or more	2.0

**Note:** Students with 60 or more earned credit hours are expected to remain in good standing with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better.



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95 **Restricted Status**

96 Restricted status students may enroll in no more than two courses for a total of seven credit  
97 hours per semester. There are additional University policies limiting the activities in which students in  
98 restricted status may engage. In special circumstances the Office of Academic Affairs may allow  
99 restricted status students to exceed these limitations, but in no case will restricted status students exceed  
100 the limitations placed upon students on academic probation. Whenever students are placed in restricted  
101 status, they will have three registrations (for semesters, terms, or sessions) to attain cumulative grade-  
102 point averages of at least 2.0. Students in restricted status who fail to attain Salisbury University  
103 cumulative grade-point averages of at least 2.0 within the three-registration time frame will be  
104 academically dismissed. Restricted status students who attain Salisbury University cumulative grade-  
105 point averages of at least 2.0 within the three-registration time frame may apply for readmission.  
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107 **Academic Dismissal**

108 Academically dismissed students may no longer register for classes at Salisbury University.  
109 However, academically dismissed students who have not attended Salisbury University for five years or  
110 more and who can provide evidence of good academic promise may apply for readmission as students  
111 on academic probation or for classification as restricted status students. Academic dismissal may be  
112 appealed to the Office of Academic Affairs. Academically dismissed students may also qualify for  
113 academic clemency.  
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115 **Academic Clemency Policy**

116 For a variety of reasons, some students may have academic records that do not accurately reflect  
117 their academic abilities. To encourage students who have left the university with poor academic records  
118 to subsequently return and succeed, the University is prepared to extend academic clemency.

119 Students who have not attended the University for at least five years are eligible to apply for  
120 academic clemency. Students are only eligible for academic clemency one time during their academic  
121 careers, and they must apply during their initial semesters, terms, or sessions as returning students.

122 Students applying for academic clemency must complete an Academic Clemency Form on which  
123 they request to have up to 16 credit hours of D and F work removed from their grade-point averages by  
124 changing these grades to XD and XF respectively. When academic clemency is granted for D grades,  
125 the previously earned credits will be lost and may no longer be applied to any graduation requirements.  
126 Students who receive academic clemency are not precluded from graduating with honors.  
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130 **NOTE:** Also change page 66 of the catalogue as indicated:  
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132 **Undergraduate Non-Degree Students**

133 Undergraduate non-degree students (UND) are students usually pursuing one or two courses for  
134 personal or professional development and are not assigned an advisor. Upon completion of 30 semester  
135 hours, these students must apply for admission to the University as matriculated students. There are two  
136 types of UND students who are assigned advisors:

- 137 1. Provisional students, who are first-time students at the University. They are full-time, non-  
138 matriculated students attending under the direction of the dean of enrollment management.
- 139 2. Restricted status students, whose admissions have been revoked for inadequate academic  
140 performance but who are permitted to continue to attend the University under the direction of the  
141 Office of Academic Affairs.  
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