Subject: Proposal to revise the <1.0 academic dismissal policy
To: Academic Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate
From: Professional Advisors
Date: 1/25/2012

Current policy, as of 2/18/2011:

**Academic dismissal policy.** First time-first semester students who earn a semester GPA of less than 1.000 in their first-semester shall be dismissed from the university.

“Academic Dismissal
1. Beginning students who attempted 12 or more credit hours (including Ws) must have obtained at least a 1.000 GPA at the end of their first semester or they will be dismissed. This includes students whose first semester is summer.
2. Students who withdraw from all courses are exempt from this policy.
3. Students dismissed for the first time must sit out for a minimum of one regular (fall or spring) semester and petition by the established deadlines to be reinstated. Reinstatement is not automatic.
4. Students dismissed two or more times must remain out of school for two regular (fall and spring) semesters and petition by the established deadlines to be eligible for reinstatement.”

Current policy calls for the dismissal of students after two semesters of a GPA less than 1.000. However, two years of data from UCOL suggest these students typically have a 0% success rate if they get below a 1.000 their first semester.

[Policy passed by IUPUC Faculty Senate (without a quorum) January 21, 2011; vote ratified by IUPUC Faculty Senate (with quorum) February 18, 2011.]

Proposed policy, beginning with students admitted for Fall semester 2012:
(only changes are in yellow)

**Academic dismissal policy.** IUPUC students (beginning and transfer) who earn a semester GPA of less than 1.000 in their first-semester shall be dismissed from the university.

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Rationale for the change: In processing dismissals for Fall 2011, advisors noticed that some “new” students were unfairly allowed to continue into a 2nd semester (despite <1.0 GPA first semester) because they had 12 or more transfer credits due to dual credit and/or Early College programs. In addition, advisors realized that similarly, transfer students should be treated the same as beginning students: students should be judged solely on their work at IUPUC for the purposes of this dismissal policy. No student should be treated better (given more chances) than another based only on how many transfer, dual credit, and/or Early College credits they have.