Academic Senate Resolution

13/AS/09/UEPC--Undergraduate Policy on Repeated Courses

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RESOLVED: That the Undergraduate Policy on Repeated Courses 13/AS/09/UEPC take effect upon approval by the President.

Unanimously approved by the Academic Senate on May 12, 2009

Betsy Eudey, Clerk

Hamid Shirvani, President
California State University, Stanislaus

ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT:

Approval: ☑

Returned to Clerk with reason for not approving: ________
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RATIONALE: Many times students perform poorly in a class and do not take full advantage of the resources available to help them perform to their full academic potential. They retake the course and again do not take advantage of resources available and end up with the same result in the course. This cycle continues through three and four attempts at a course. This policy should help facilitate graduation in a more timely manner, and in turn help reduce the impact repeating students would have on impacted courses. There are a significant number of students choosing to repeat courses. In many courses, repeat students negatively impact the ability of first-time students to register for courses. As a consequence, first time students have to take other courses in their program. This is especially troublesome when students are unable to register for the courses that are pre-requisites for more advanced coursework and are forced to take longer to complete their programs. There has been an attempt to alleviate this problem by increasing course caps and adding sections, but this usually results in a larger pool of repeat students. Requiring more seats for certain courses has required the use of larger classrooms, which would seem to reduce the student-instructor interactions for all the students which are important for success for all the students in the class.

This change in policy will facilitate graduation in a more timely manner without removing the ability of students to repeat courses and encourage students to complete courses successfully on their first attempt. It should also help alleviate some of the stresses on resources that impacted courses have on departments and programs.

Note: This policy change could be implemented in most cases by the instructor signing an add form or providing a permission code signingify their permission for the student to retake the course. This would give the instructor a chance to discuss with students strategies and resources that may help them be more successful in the course. This also gives the instructor a chance to track closely the repeating students and allows the instructor to manage enrollment in impacted courses.

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1. Undergraduate students may repeat courses only if they earned grades lower than a C.
2. Course Repeats with “Grade Forgiveness” (Grade forgiveness is the circumstance in which the new grade replaces the former grade in terms of the calculation of GPA, etc.):
   2.a. Undergraduate students may repeat up to 16 semester-units with grade forgiveness.
   2.b. Undergraduate students may repeat an individual course for grade forgiveness no more than two times.
   2.c. Grade forgiveness shall not be applicable to courses for which the original grade was the result of a finding of academic dishonesty.
3. Course Repeats with “Grades Averaged”:
   Undergraduate students may repeat up to an additional 12 semester-units, i.e., units in addition to the 16 semester-units for which grade replacement is permitted. In such instances the repeat grade shall not replace the original grade; instead both grades shall be calculated into the student’s overall grade-point average.
4. These limits apply only to undergraduate students and to units completed at CSU Stanislaus.
5. These limits apply to all courses at CSU Stanislaus except those which are specified as being “repeatable for credit.”

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