

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #175 on May 2, 2011:

**MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the academic dismissal policy for graduate students (currently stated on page 48 of the 2010-2011 UAF Catalog) as follows:

EFFECTIVE:            Fall 2011

RATIONALE:            This amendment combines two existing items [(c) and (d)] that are defined to be “unsatisfactory performance.” It also adds a paragraph delineating the consequences that may result if one is academically dismissed from a graduate program.

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[[ ]] = Deletions  
CAPS = Additions

**ACADEMIC DISMISSAL**

*Graduate students* –If recommended by the department chair, the graduate advisory committee, and the dean of the college or school, and approved by the Dean of the Graduate School, a student will be dismissed because of unsatisfactory performance. Unsatisfactory performance is deemed as one or more of the following:

- a.        Exceeding maximum time limit for degree.
- b.        Not being registered at UAF for a minimum 6 credits per year unless on approved leave of absence.
- c.        Having less than 3.0 cumulative GPA ON COURSEWORK DIRECTLY RELATED TO DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS. [[for courses taken since admission to graduate school.]]
- [[d.      Being on probationary status for more than two consecutive semesters.]]
- [[e]]d.    Violating the Student Code of Conduct.
- [[f]]e.    Lacking progress as judged by the advisory committee and documented on the student's annual report.
- [[g]]f.    Having substantive inaccuracies in the student’s application for admission.

If the student does not have a graduate advisory committee, dismissal can occur upon the recommendation of the department chair and the dean of the college or school, with approval by the Dean of the Graduate School.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF BEING ACADEMICALLY DISMISSED FROM YOUR GRADUATE PROGRAM ARE SIGNIFICANT AND MAY INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING RAMIFICATIONS. YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED FROM BEING A GRADUATE DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENT TO A NON-DEGREE STUDENT. ANY CLASSES YOU MAY HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR WILL BE DROPPED. YOU WILL HAVE A PRINTABLE NOTATION ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT THAT WILL STATE YOU WERE "ACADEMICALLY DISMISSED FROM DEGREE PROGRAM." YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY TEACHING OR RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS OR OTHER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS. OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID WILL BE SEVERELY LIMITED.

 2 May 2011  
President, UAF Faculty Senate      Date

APPROVAL:   
Chancellor's Office

DATE: 2 May 2011

DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chancellor's Office

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_