

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

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TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
SUBJECT: Academic Disqualification
PURPOSE: For Action by the Senate

ACTION

REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate amend the CSUEB policy on academic disqualification to provide that no undergraduate student will be academically disqualified until after the student's first three academic terms have been completed and that mandatory advising be required of students facing the possibility of disqualification (Freshmen to the GE Office, and others as appropriate); effective upon the signature of the President

BACKGROUND

INFORMATION: On May 19, the Student Success Assessment Committee (SSAC) discussed the issue of academic disqualification. The Committee agreed that few students enter CSUEB as freshmen or through transfer with experience in an eleven-week term. By the time students in their first quarter are notified that their GPA has placed them on probation and in danger of disqualification the next term is often half completed. It is then even longer before the students are able to obtain advising. Hence intervention and advising, which the committee believes should be mandatory for such students, is not likely to improve performance until the third term. However, at present such students can be disqualified after two terms. This change will enable the University to address better the needs of such students and, it is hoped, improve retention. The Student Success Assessment Committee endorsed the recommendation unanimously and has requested that the Senate approve the change. Since SSAC met after the deadline for Standing Committees to consider new proposals for submission to the Senate, and the Committee believes the change is urgent, the request came directly to the Executive Committee, which discussed the issue at its meeting of May 27 and agreed to place the proposal on the Senate agenda.