

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

FROM: CLIFFORD S. PETERSON

SUBJECT: FRESH START POLICY

DATE: JUNE 9, 1986

With the recommendation of the All-College Council, the following “Fresh Start Policy” is approved, effective immediately:

Once in a life-time, if a student returns to Quinsigamond Community College after being away at least two consecutive years, he/she may elect a “fresh start” option. The student’s Q.P.A. will be calculated only from this point forward, for the purposes of the College’s academic standing policy.

- a. If a student elects this “fresh start” option, the former work will remain in the student’s file as a matter of record but will not be used in calculating the student’s Q.P.A. If a student is requesting federal financial aid and is judged to be ineligible due to the Standards of Satisfactory Progress for Federal Financial Aid, he/she may appeal based upon mitigating circumstances.
 - b. Under this option, a student’s former course work may be transferred into his/her new program under the College’s regular transfer policy. However, none of the earlier work will be calculated in the new Q.P.A. and he/she must complete a minimum of 15 credits “in residence” in his/her new program.
 - c. If a student wishes to have some of his former grades count toward his/her Q.P.A., he cannot elect this policy. In that case, the student’s entire former transcript will be calculated as part of the present Q.P.A.
 - d. The “fresh start” option is available only once in a lifetime to a student returning to the College.
 - e. For those students granted a “Fresh Start”, the transcript will include, at the appropriate chronological point, a statement explaining the Fresh Start Policy.
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