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MEMORANDUM

TO: Academic Affairs Committee

FROM: Pat Toney, Vice President of Academic Affairs

DATE: November 2, 2009

RE: Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

The Academic Affairs Committee will meet as scheduled on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 2 p.m. in the Room 107A.

The agenda is as follows:

1. **Recommended Change in Academic Dismissal Reinstatement Policy** (please review attachment)
2. **Emeritus Policy** (click link below to review)
[http://www.qcc.mass.edu/PresidentsOffice/POLICIES/ADOBE%20POLICIES/version%20in%20adobe/version%20in%20adobe/Emeritus\(a\)%20Status,%20Process%20to%20Award%20Professor.pdf](http://www.qcc.mass.edu/PresidentsOffice/POLICIES/ADOBE%20POLICIES/version%20in%20adobe/version%20in%20adobe/Emeritus(a)%20Status,%20Process%20to%20Award%20Professor.pdf)
3. **Fresh Start Policy** (click link below to review)
<http://www.qcc.mass.edu/PresidentsOffice/POLICIES/ADOBE%20POLICIES/version%20in%20adobe/Fresh%20Start%20Policy.pdf>

Attachment:

Recommended Change in Academic Dismissal Reinstatement Policy

The current policy is:

7. Students who are academically dismissed from the college may qualify for reinstatement by the following methods

- attending courses as a non-matriculating student, improving their QPA to the minimal acceptable level, and earning a minimum of six credit hours;
- reapplying after one year;
- petitioning the Vice President of Academic Affairs for reinstatement. (pg 36 of the catalog)

When students petition the VP for reinstatement, typically they are required to meet with a High Risk Advisor and make a case explaining the nonrecurring extenuating circumstances. The high risk advisor typically recommends reinstatement with conditions. The usual conditions are no more than 6 credits and that specific courses be taken. Usually these are courses which will have the most immediate positive impact upon the CGPA.

The reapply after one year option is self explanatory.

The option of attending as a non-matriculating student is problematic, I recommend it be eliminated for the following reasons:

1. It is discriminatory. This option is not available for students who need financial aid to attend. Financial Aid is not available for students who are not matriculated into a degree or certificate program. As a result, we have a policy that permits the well-to-do to have options that the poor do not have. This flies in the face of the Community College mission.
2. It is pedagogically unsound. Students who flunk out need intrusive advising to avoid continuing their pattern of failure. However, this option takes the advisor and the curriculum out of consideration. The student may take whatever courses s/he chooses regardless of its impact upon the CGPA or educational development.
3. Students who choose this option typically are motivated by a desire to defraud third parties or at least to game the system to get benefits they have not earned. Insurance coverage, subsidized housing, transitional assistance payments, and child support payments typically require that a "student" be full time. All too often QCC is permitting people who have proven they are not students to claim the benefits earned by true students. Bluntly stated, QCC is a co-conspirator.

Respectfully submitted

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