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5 **A BILL TO REVISE UW REGULATION 6-715(VII.) (A.)**
6 **“Scholastic Probation, Suspension, Reinstatement and**
7 **Academic Renewal for Undergraduate Students”**
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10 **WHEREAS**, UW Regulation 6-715 governs academic probation, suspension,
11 reinstatement, and renewal; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, at present, any academically suspended student must reapply for
14 readmission and academic reinstatement; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the rationale for this two-step process for readmission is that a student
17 must demonstrate that they have “academically cured” their previous behaviors or issues which
18 led to their academic suspension by explaining the new habits of the mind and scholarly skills
19 they have acquired while out of UW; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, a student who has successfully earned a post-secondary degree from an
22 accredited institution has, *prima facie*, academically cured their prior academic behavior; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, requiring a student who has earned a post-secondary degree to apply for
25 both readmission and reinstatement may deter qualified, promising students from coming back to
26 UW; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the proposed revision to UW Regulation 6-715, Section (VII.) (A.),
29 “Exceptions,” would exempt a student who graduates from an accredited higher education
30 institution with an associate’s or bachelor’s degree from applying for reinstatement if they have
31 been academically suspended from UW during an earlier part of their academic careers; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, the simple revision will simplify the readmission process for students
34 having proven themselves by earning an associate’s or bachelor’s degree; therefore
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36 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Faculty Senate that UW Regulation 6-715 be amended as
37 presented in the attached addenda.

AUTHENTICATION: *The foregoing Faculty Senate Bill 339, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of November 14, 2016, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*

Donal O’Toole
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Dated: _____

1 **UW REGULATION 6-715**
2 **Scholastic Probation, Suspension, Reinstatement and**
3 **Academic Renewal for Undergraduate Students**

4 **I. PURPOSE**

5 To establish academic policy as specified.

6 **II. SCHOLASTIC PROBATION**

7 **A.** Scholastic probation shall constitute notice that a student is not progressing satisfactorily toward
8 the bachelor's degree.

9 **B.** A student enrolled at the University shall be placed on scholastic probation at the end of the
10 semester or summer term when his/her cumulative grade point average at the University of
11 Wyoming falls below a 2.00.
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13 **C.** A student placed on scholastic probation will be so notified by letter.
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15 **D.** A student shall be removed from scholastic probation at the end of the semester or summer term
16 in which his/her cumulative grade point average is 2.00 or above.
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18 **E.** A student who fails to remove himself/herself from probation after completing one subsequent
19 semester or summer term will be suspended from the University. Completing a semester or
20 summer term shall mean that the student has earned a grade in at least one course.
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22 **F.** An exception to the suspension rule in (II).(E.) is made when the current semester grade point
23 average is at least 2.00, in which case the student will continue coursework on scholastic
24 probation.

25 **III. SCHOLASTIC SUSPENSION**
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27 **A.** Scholastic suspension shall constitute notice to a student that his/her enrollment in the University
28 of Wyoming has been terminated because of unsatisfactory progress toward the bachelor's
29 degree.
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31 **B.** A student who is suspended for unsatisfactory scholastic performance should not be permitted to
32 petition for reinstatement until one full semester, exclusive of summer term, has elapsed.
33 Students may petition once per semester for reinstatement, and, if denied by any college or the
34 Center for Advising and Career Services, cannot petition for reinstatement until the next fall or
35 spring semester, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances justifying immediate
36 reinstatement.
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38 **C.** A suspended student may not enroll for any University of Wyoming credit classes (including on-
39 campus, online, correspondence, and outreach).
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41 **D.** Credit earned at another accredited college or university while a student is suspended from the
42 University may be accepted under the usual regulations governing the transfer of credit after the
43 student has been reinstated.

1 E. A student placed on scholastic suspension will be so notified by letter.

2 **IV. SCHOLASTIC REINSTATEMENT**

3 A. A college may have a scholastic reinstatement policy that is more restrictive than the general
4 university policy.

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6 B. Scholastic reinstatement shall constitute notice that a suspended student has been reinstated to
7 the University, and is eligible to be considered for readmission. The reinstated student shall be
8 on scholastic probation during his/her first semester or summer term of reinstatement after which
9 he/she may be removed from this probation under the provisions of (II.)(D.) above.

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11 C. A petition for reinstatement must be submitted no later than 15 calendar days before the
12 beginning of the semester or summer term in which the student wishes to register. A petition
13 received after this deadline may not be processed until after the regular registration period and
14 the petitioner shall then be subject to the late registration fee.

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16 D. The decision on a petition for reinstatement shall be made by the dean (or designee) of the
17 college in which the student wishes to enroll. Undeclared students should contact the Director of
18 the Center for Advising and Career Services. A student who has been reinstated must remain in
19 the college in which he/she has been reinstated for that semester.

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21 E. Students placed on scholastic suspension are eligible for a maximum of three reinstatements.
22 Any student placed on scholastic suspension for the fourth time is not eligible for reinstatement
23 for a minimum of five years from the end of the last term of attendance.

24 **V. ACADEMIC RENEWAL**

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26 A. An undergraduate student who returns to the University of Wyoming and who has not completed
27 a college course at UW during the previous five years will have the option of continuing his/her
28 earlier UW cumulative grade point average or commencing a new cumulative grade point
29 average ("academic renewal"). An interested student must request academic renewal in writing
30 to the Registrar no later than 10 class days before the last day of classes of the semester in which
31 the student returns to the University.

32 B. The entire UW transcript will remain intact. A note indicating the policy will precede the new
33 part of the UW transcript if the student opts for academic renewal. At the discretion of the
34 academic department in which the student is enrolled, credit hours for which the student earned
35 the grade of "C" or better may be applied toward the completion of the degree requirements.
36 The list of departmentally approved courses (if any) will be submitted to the Registrar with the
37 request for academic renewal.

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39 C. A student's grade point average and completed courses that were applied to a baccalaureate are
40 not eligible for academic renewal.

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42 D. This policy can be exercised only once by any given individual student and is only applicable to
43 undergraduate students.

1 **VI. DEFINITIONS**
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3 **A.** Cumulative semester hours attempted shall be the total of all credit hours attempted through the
4 University of Wyoming, except for those attempted in repeating a course and for those in which
5 a grade of W was assigned, and those accepted in transfer from other institutions.
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7 **B.** The Cumulative grade point average is defined as the sum of all grade points earned throughout
8 the University of Wyoming divided by the sum of all credit hours attempted through the
9 University except for credit hours in which grades of W, S, U, or I were assigned. When a course
10 has been repeated to change a grade, the last grade points and credit hours assigned shall be
11 entered in the computation of the cumulative average. All registered courses and grades earned at
12 the University will remain on the transcript, whether or not they figure into the cumulative
13 average.
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15 **C.** Current academic status will be indicated on internal documents and grade reports as:
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- 17 1. good standing
- 18 2. on probation
- 19 3. scholastic suspension
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23 **VII. EXCEPTIONS**

24 **A.** These regulations governing scholastic probation, suspension, and reinstatement does not apply
25 to a student enrolled in the College of Law or to a student enrolled in a graduate program.
26 Sections IV and V of this regulation do not apply to the admission of an undergraduate student
27 who has graduated from an accredited higher education institution with an associate's degree or
28 baccalaureate degree.

29 **B.** Upon the request of a student placed on scholastic suspension or denied reinstatement, the Vice
30 President for Academic Affairs may review the circumstances and reverse the decision of the
31 dean or the Director of the Center for Advising and Career Services for undeclared students if, in
32 his/her judgment, the student has suffered a gross injustice.