

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 15-18

(Voting Units: Full Senate)

Revision to Senate Policy 416.1:

“Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal”

Submitter

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Background/Rationale

It is proposed to change the process to return from suspension described in Senate Policy 416.1. This change will apply to students who have been suspended because they received a “Q” grade (no progress) in research. It is proposed to require students to develop a plan for the returning semester with benchmarks and deadlines. The plan must be approved by the research advisor(s) prior to reinstatement. If a student is unable to obtain approval from their advisor(s), the student will be dismissed from the graduate program. The student will have the opportunity to appeal a dismissal following policy 415-1.

Proposal

It is proposed to adopt the policy as described.

Recommended text (changes shown below)

Graduate Academic Suspension

If a student is on academic probation for two sequential semesters of enrollment, the Graduate School will place the student on academic suspension. The suspension will be for the period of the upcoming semester or session.

If a student has been suspended because they received a “Q” grade in research, the student must develop a plan for the returning semester with benchmarks and deadlines for satisfactory progress. This plan must be approved by the current (or new, if necessary) research advisor(s) prior to reinstatement. If the student is unable to obtain approval of the plan, the student will be dismissed from the graduate program. Students have the right to appeal the dismissal.

Students who return after the suspension period will remain on probation. If their cumulative GPA is at least 3.0 and they do not receive a “Q” grade in a research course during their first semester as a reinstated student, they will return to good academic standing. Students who fail to raise their GPA to at least 3.0 or receive a

“Q” grade in a research course during their first semester as a reinstated student will be dismissed from their graduate program by the Graduate School.

Current text

From <http://www.admin.mtu.edu/usenate/policies/p416-1.htm>

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