

Faculty Senate Motion

“As a faculty member at Leeward CC, I (Tiana Loo) move that the Faculty Senate create an Ad Hoc Committee to review and revise the current Unsatisfactory Academic Progress (UAP) policy”

Background:

The UAP policy is on page 212-213 of the catalog.

The UAP policy has not been reviewed since the late 80's to early 90's.

I would like to have a standing committee or an Ad hoc committee possibly update the policy due to the fact that the reasoning of why policies were created have changed. I would like to have a policy that makes us compliant, that makes sense, and that does not harm the student unnecessarily. Currently, the policy states that a student needs to have a 2.0 GPA AND pass 50% of the total credits for that term. No other campus in the UH System has this 50% pass rate.

Reasoning for the 50% pass rate:

- There were no F grades, only N grades
- N grades did not affect GPA
 - The N grade is "used to indicate that the student has not achieved a minimal level of accomplishment" and is only used in specific developmental education courses (ESL and ENG). Which maybe something else to look at is that as of last semester, due to a system grading policy, the dev ed courses are CR/NC.

We are not in compliance with the current policy:

- If a student were to get an A in one class and 3 withdrawals, technically the student should go on warning because the student did not pass 50% of courses. However, we currently do not follow that policy, in practice; we do not count that as we do not want to academically hurt the student.

Also, with a system policy UHCC 5.203, students need a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for courses USED for the degree requirements. This policy does not match up with the number 15 item in the UAP policy that students on Academic suspension or dismissal are not eligible to graduate. Therefore, a student that would be eligible to graduate with a 2.0 in courses used for the degree and if put on suspension, that student would not be able to graduate.