

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR DECIDING ON THE READMISSION OF ACADEMICALLY DISMISSED STUDENTS:

The 6-unit limit reflects the fact that all students who find themselves dismissed have taken on more than they can handle effectively. Whatever other circumstances arise (e.g. loss of job, break up of relationship, death or illness of family member, etc.) these students do not take steps to reduce their academic load or withdraw from school to cope with the other problems. Thus, the 6-unit limit is an effort to help them succeed and demonstrate to them the importance of recognizing they have limits.

With respect to denial of successive readmissions, a student does not find him or herself dismissed without having been in academic difficulty over three semesters, at a minimum. Dismissal occurs only after a student is placed on academic probation, followed by disqualification, followed by immediate reinstatement, if requested. Thus, a student who has been dismissed and readmitted once has already had a minimum of three "second chances".

The readmission committee is mindful of the fact that students are paying a significant contribution to their education through fees, and we know that students believe they are enduring hardships to pay for their education. However, the taxpayers shoulder the vast majority of the burden for their education. The committee strongly believes that since the purpose of the readmission policy was to stop the revolving door, repeated readmissions completely defeat that goal. Thus, the committee has been inclined to reject applications for second readmission. In this most recent cycle of reviewing applications for readmission for fall, 2005, the committee did approve the readmission of several individuals who had been dismissed twice. In all these cases the committee has informed these students that this is the last time they will be readmitted, period.

Some data:

Readmission Petition Request for:	Total Appeals	Number Approved	Number Denied	Pending	Misc	Number of 1st Time Petition Requests	Number of 2nd Time Petition	Number of 3rd Time Petition
Fall 2001	54	46	5		3			
Spring 2002	101	79	20		2			
Fall 2002	125	97	28					
Spring 2003	159	110	37		12	156	3	
Fall 2003	130	93	37			111	19	
Spring 2004	140	90	50			122	18	
Fall 2004								
Spring 2005	137	46	72	18	1	105	30	2

PERCENTAGES:

Readmission Petition Request for:	Total Appeals	Percent Number Approved	Percent Number Denied	Percent Pending	Percent Misc	Percent of 1st Time Petition Requests	Percent of 2nd Time Petition Requests	Percent of 3rd Time Petition Requests
Fall 2001	54	85%	9%		6%			
Spring 2002	101	78%	20%		2%			
Fall 2002	125	78%	22%		0%			
Spring 2003	159	69%	23%		8%	98%	3%	
Fall 2003	130	72%	28%		0%	85%	15%	
Spring 2004	140	64%	36%		0%	87%	13%	
Fall 2004								
Spring 2005	137	34%	53%	13%	1%	77%	22%	1%

Source: Jean Torcom, Readmission Subcommittee Chair.