Academic Standing Meeting

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What is Academic Standing?

- **Academic standing** is your official academic status with the University.

- **Standings include:**
  - Good Standing
  - Probation
  - Suspended
How is academic standing determined?

- At the end of each term, students are assigned letter grades for each course they are enrolled.

- If the course is credit bearing, it will be calculated into the student’s GPA.

- After all grades are calculated into the GPA, academic standing is determined by the student’s current cumulative grade point average for all classes taken at UMSL.
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UMSL Grade Policies

- An “FN” grade can be issued in lieu of an “F” grade if an instructor feels that s/he does not have sufficient work in order to evaluate a student. In terms of GPA calculation, an “FN” grade negatively impacts the GPA just like an “F” grade.

- A “DL” grade does not have immediate impact on the GPA but the GPA will be recalculated once the “DL” grade is changed to the final course grade.
What is “Good Standing”?!?!?

- In order for a student to maintain “good standing” with the University, s/he must maintain no less than a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

- A note should be made, however, that individual colleges at the University may have requirements beyond the 2.0 to continue enrollment in a specific program. You should check with your academic college to determine individual program requirements.
Probation…Please Explain!

- A student will be placed on an academic probation if s/he fails to maintain the 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

- At UMSL, a student is given a probation warning and a continued probation opportunity before additional action is taken.
Suspension!! How did this happen!?!?

- A student will be academically suspended if his/her cumulative GPA remains under 2.0 after serving two semesters on probation (not necessarily consecutive).

- At this point, a student is suspended and will not be allowed to continue enrollment at the institution.
...But there’s some hope!

- If you find yourself at the suspension phase of the academic standing process, you will have the opportunity to appeal your suspension.

- Appeals are submitted directly to the Dean’s Office for your respective college.

- Where extenuating circumstances exist, you may get an opportunity to continue your enrollment under strict guidelines.
The Dean’s List

- Students who post a semester grade point average of at least 3.2 will be listed for “Dean’s List Honors”.

- Dean’s List Honors can be great resume boosters as well as helpful for applications for graduate and/or professional school.

- Students on the Dean’s List also open many doors for scholarships! And who doesn’t want FREE money?
Why is Academic Standing important?

- Your academic standing determines your ability to continue enrollment at UMSL!

- It can negatively impact your eligibility for federal financial aid, where applicable!

- Having a positive academic standing reinforces your end goal of graduation!
Academic Standing and Financial Aid

- Federal regulations require that students receiving federal financial aid demonstrate satisfactory academic progress (or SAP).

- With SAP, a student who fails to maintain the 2.0 cumulative grade point average is placed on probation.

- If a student fails to improve his/her academic standing after serving one semester on financial aid probation, his/her federal financial aid is suspended.

- The “continued probation” status is not part of the financial aid process.
So no more financial aid?!?!?

- A student can appeal to have his/her financial aid reinstated if circumstances warrant such action.

- More information about financial aid and SAP can be obtained by visiting the Student Financial Aid Office in MSC 327.
Test Your Knowledge!

- This concludes the presentation!

- Please take a minute to review any information that you may be unclear with and then proceed to the next link in the table of contents for the test.

- The test is 10 questions and you must achieve no less than 90% in order to receive credit for this workshop.

- You are only allowed to take the test once. Multiple attempts are not allowed.