


MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2011

FROM: Bennie J. Wilson III, College of Business 
Chairperson, Academic Policy & Requirements (AP&R) Committee

THRU: Academic Policy & Requirements (AP&R) Committee
Andrey Chabanov, College of Sciences
Anuradha Roy, College of Business
Clyde Phelix, College of Sciences
James Balentine, College of Liberal and Fine Arts
Kimberly Bilica, College of Education and Human Development
Patricia McGee, College of Education and Human Development
Randy Manteufel, College of Engineering
Richard Lewis, College of Liberal and Fine Arts
Rolando Quintana, College of Business
Sandy Norman, College of Sciences
Seok Kang, College of Liberal and Fine Arts

TO: Carola Wenk, College of Sciences
Chairperson, UTSA Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Proposal for Academic Standing Policy for BS in Biology Majors

The Committee recommends approving the proposed Academic Standing Policy for BS in Biology Majors (attached). The voting process & results were:

- 12 – Number of voting-eligible committee members
- 9 - Number of members who voted (excludes chair unless to break tie vote)
- 7 – Quorum required to conduct vote
- 9 – Number voting for the proposal
- 0 – Number voting against the proposal
- 0 – Number abstaining

I certify that these results are accurate.

April 4, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Lawrence R. Williams *L.R.W.*
Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

SUBJECT: Proposal for Academic Standing Policy for BS in Biology Majors

Please review and consider for approval the attached proposal from the Department of Biology for an academic standing policy for Bachelor of Science in Biology majors. The proposal has been approved by the Department of Biology Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee, the College of Sciences Policy Committee, and the Dean of the College of Sciences.

I have reviewed the proposal and endorse it for approval.



The University of Texas at San Antonio

Department of Biology

March 31, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Bennie Wilson
Chair, University Academic Policy and Requirements Committee

FROM: David Jaffe
Department of Biology
Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Jaffe", is placed to the right of the typed name.

SUBJECT: New Academic Standing policy

Please find attached a new Academic Standing policy for consideration and approval by the University Academic Policy and Requirements Committee.

The new policy has been approved by the Department of Biology Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee and the College of Sciences Policy Committee (also attached).

The Academic Standing policy is an extension of our Pre-Biology Admission Program. The GPA requirements are the same as those required for a Pre-Biology Major to advance to the Biology Major. We expect that once students achieve entrance to the Biology Major they should maintain the same minimum GPA requirements. Students who fall below the expected GPA will be put on Department probation, and are give one semester to correct their GPA. This policy will help keep our majors on an appropriate tract for graduation.

Academic Standing of Biology Majors

All B.S. Majors in Biology must maintain:

- a minimum overall UTSA grade point average of 2.0.
- a minimum overall grade point average of 2.25 in all Department of Biology courses.

Students who do not meet these requirements are placed on Department of Biology probation. Students on Biology probation must achieve the minimum required grade point averages by the end of the next- enrolled semester at UTSA (Fall or Spring) that follows the semester in which the student falls below the required grade point averages. Students who do not meet these requirements by the end of one subsequent enrolled semester will be dismissed from the B.S. Degree in Biology and classified as undeclared (UND) in the University student record system. The student must choose a major other than biology. A biology minor is, however, available to all UTSA students who seek to complement a different academic major with a strong foundation in biology. Dismissed students may appeal for reinstatement to the Biology B.S. Degree, which will only be granted under extraordinary circumstances. The deadline for appeal is no later than four weeks into the semester immediately following dismissal. See the College of Sciences Undergraduate Advising Center for required forms. All Biology majors must have the required minimum grade point averages in order to receive the Bachelor's of Science Degree.

MEMORANDUM

March 24, 2011

To: David Jaffe, PhD
Department of Biology, Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee

Through: George Perry, Dean
College of Science

Through: Craig Jordan
Associate Dean of Academic Programs, COS

From: Thomas Forsthuber, Chair COS Policy Committee

RE: New Academic Standing policy, Dept. Biology

Dear David,

The College of Science Policy Committee has unanimously voted to approve the new Academic Standing policy presented by the Department of Biology Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee.

Sincerely,



Thomas G. Forsthuber
Chair, College of Science Policy Committee