

An appeals procedure for students suspended because they have not met the Proficiency Skills Requirement.

Students entering the university in Fall 2004 will be subject to the Proficiency Skills Requirement mandated by the Board of Trustees--namely, that those who test into an 098 course in Math and/or English must successfully complete all work at that level within their first 24 credits at the university and within the five academic sessions allowed.

Otherwise, these students will not be permitted to register for further credit courses within the CSU system until they complete all 098 work or the equivalent elsewhere.

We believe that through the efforts of Admissions, the Registrar, and the Deans working with academic advisors, we have ensured that all students entering next fall will be informed of this requirement. It is inevitable, however, that there will be some who do not fulfill it, who will be blocked from further registration at the end of 24 credits, and who will seek a way to appeal.

An appeals procedure is needed for students suspended because they have not met the Proficiency Skills Requirement.

We have time to develop a procedure, since the first students to come under the new requirement will not face a penalty until summer 2005. However, we should begin the process of development now, or by next fall at the latest. I have brought this need to the attention of CUCAS, as the standing committee responsible for academic standards in undergraduate programs. CUCAS advises that the Senate would be a more appropriate body, on the analogy of the appeals procedure for the final grade. Could the question be put on the Senate agenda for May?

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