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Date [January 29, 2025](#), Senate Meeting Date [February 5, 2025](#), Report # (Senate Use Only) _____

Intended Action: Informational___ Senate Vote [X](#) Consultative/Advisory___

Name of Committee Submitting Report:

[Academic Standards](#)

Along with:

[Claire Berardini](#)

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.)

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Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate:

The Committee is responding to Claire Berardini's request to consider changes to the current grade repeat policy. The existing policy contains extraneous and confusing language, includes outdated conditions, and removes restrictions that may prevent students from repeating a course or improving their learning outcomes.

If substantive changes in your committee recommendation are made from the floor, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to the committee for further consideration?

Yes

Introduction and Rationale

Removing the cumbersome requirement for students to petition for a GPA recalculation after successfully repeating a course ensures students GPAs will be recalculated.

Recalculating the GPA based on the highest grade earned rather than the most recent grade does not penalize a student for earning a lower grade in a repeated a course. This also allows the student to repeat a course up to two times, as the GPA would be recalculated after each attempt.

Updating the policy will reflect the semester system rather than the quarter system.

Revised Policy/Policies (when applicable)

This is a revision to the policy currently in the 2024-25 Academic Calander

Recommendation

The Committee recommends passing this proposal as presented to the Senate on February 5th, 2025, with the following language:

A student may repeat a course twice, unless otherwise stipulated in the course description or unless an additional repeat is authorized by the student's academic dean. A course repeated, however, may be counted only once as credit toward a student's total academic hours for graduation.

Recalculation of GPA

Current undergraduate students may improve their GPA by repeating a course in which a grade of "D" or "F" was earned. In order to recalculate the GPA, the repetition must be consistent with the policy on course repeats). The university will use only the highest grade and the credit hours associated with that highest grade in all attempts of the same course in the calculation of the overall undergraduate GPA,

program GPA, credit hour totals. Withdrawals are not counted as an attempt. "W" grades will not result in a GPA recalculation.

The grade, GPA hours, and earned hours (if applicable) are removed from the GPA calculation and cumulative hours. The course and grade will be excluded from the GPA, but the letter grade will remain on the official transcript and noted with a "R" indicating the course has been repeated. The hours credited toward degree hours completed, are those earned with the passing grade.

Only courses taken at Youngstown State University may be used in recalculating the GPA. The original course and subsequent attempts must be completed at YSU. Transfer, study abroad, and/or transient courses are not eligible to be used as a repetition. Students who have been conferred a bachelor's degree cannot repeat a course for recalculation of the students' GPA. A student holding an associate degree may petition for a GPA recalculation only if currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at YSU. The Recalculation form (formerly known as a Repetition form) and the Petition for a Late Withdrawal cannot be used for the same course.

All YSU grades, including grades of "D" or "F" deducted from the GPA as a result recalculation, will be counted in determining honors for graduation.