**Policy Proposal: Eliminate the existing dismissal stipulation for transfer students who are admitted to YSU with restrictions to ensure YSU’s academic standing policy applies equally to all students.**

**Proposal Overview:**

The “New Freshman Applicants” section of the Undergraduate Catalog, specifically #6 in the Transfer Students section below (excerpt 1), stipulates that conditionally admitted transfer students are subject to academic dismissal after one semester. This stipulation applies to no other category of admitted students, and contradicts the academic standing policy as stated in the “Academic eligibility” of the Catalog (excerpt 2). This policy proposal seeks to eliminate the dismissal statement for conditionally admitted transfer students to ensure YSU’s academic standing policy applies equally to all students. No new language is needed.

Excerpt 1

***Transfer Students***

*Transfer students with a transfer GPA below 2.00 (out of 4.00) are not eligible for regular admission but may be admitted with conditions after review by the Admissions Committee.*

*Conditionally admitted transfer students must meet the following requirements:*

1. *Conditionally admitted transfer students are required to attend a Transfer Student Orientation (TSO); failure to do so will defer admittance to a subsequent semester. Transfer students may meet this requirement by attending a transfer orientation or by completing the online orientation module for transfer students.*
2. *During their first semester, conditionally admitted transfer students must fulfill a contract with the Resch Academic Success Center, which includes meeting weekly with their academic coach and two times during the term with their academic advisor.*
3. *Students placing into ENGL 1541 Fundamentals of College Writing or ENGL 1549 Writing 1 with Support must take these courses in their first semester. Students may not withdraw from these courses unless they make a complete withdrawal from the university.*
4. *All conditionally admitted transfer students are to be advised by their college’s professional advisors and not by faculty or departmental advisors.*
5. *Conditionally admitted transfer students must receive approval of their course schedule by a college academic advisor and may not make further changes without approval of the advisor.*
6. *Failure to fulfill the first semester guidelines and achieve good academic standing (a GPA of 2.00 or above) shall result in the conditionally admitted transfer student being dismissed from the university. The student may not be admitted to any other YSU college until the dismissal period has expired.*

Excerpt 2

*Academic standing is based upon the total earned credit hours completed, including accepted transfer hours. Therefore, all new undergraduates begin with an enrollment status of eligible and earn an academic standing after their first semester with earned credits. Four categories of academic standing are established: Good, Warning, Probation, and Suspension. These categories are intended to signify a student’s progress toward graduation or to provide an opportunity for making improvements and achieving academic success.*