

Request for University Curriculum Committee Review: Earning Credit While Under Suspension

Summary of This Request:

The University of Florida currently operates under a policy that prohibits accepting credit earned at another institution while a student is suspended or dismissed from the University of Florida. This policy was first included in the UF Catalog in the 1966-1967 academic year.

The Offices of Academic and Undergraduate Affairs are asking the University Curriculum Committee to reconsider this policy in light of the dramatic shift since 1967 in philosophies driving the University's and State of Florida's educational regulations, policies, and practices. This request includes suggested wording to replace the current policy for the Committee's consideration.

Current Wording:

The earliest records of discussion on this topic are two reports from 1962 Faculty Senate meetings, urging a change in the practice of considering credit taken by UF students at other institutions while they were in suspension status at UF. While not entirely clear, the motivation for the policy (as reflected below) was likely to relieve burden on the UF Petitions Committee. Our University of Florida record shows a request to Faculty Senate to include the wording below in the 1967-1968 Undergraduate Catalog, and this wording has henceforth remained the same

EARNING CREDIT WHILE SUSPENDED

A student under any kind of suspension at the University of Florida may not earn credit toward a degree at the University of Florida by taking work in residence at another institution or through extension or correspondence courses.

However, a student suspended while in the lower division who subsequently graduates from an accredited Junior College may appeal to the Petitions Committee for reinstatement. The Petitions Committee may then, upon the recommendation of the upper division school or college concerns, admit the student on academic probation to that school or college. Credits earned by such students while under suspension from the University of Florida may be transferred in accordance with other rules and regulations of the University of Florida.

Rationale for Change:

It is important to note that this policy pre-dated the creation of a state articulation standard that requires state colleges and universities to accept credits earned at other state institutions under the common course numbering system. It also conflates suspension for both academic

and behavioral reasons. UF now makes clear distinctions between these two in our other policies.

Currently, the Florida Articulation Agreement (6A-10.024, <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=6A-10.024>) facilitates transfer of credit among FCS and SUS institutions. Furthermore, unlike when the current regulation was created, UF students today are no longer suspended for academic performance reasons. Suspension now is reserved for student conduct-related issues. Thus, discouraging suspended students from pursuing enrollment at other institutions, a possible effect of the current policy, may in some instances be counter to our UF spirit of facilitating student growth and progression towards degree, responsible citizenship, and a productive career. It is in clear violation of the requirements of the Articulation Agreement. The Articulation Agreement follows the same basic principles as UF's current suspension policies. It does allow a postsecondary institution to deny admission or continued enrollment based on an applicant's past misconduct or when past actions have been found to disrupt or interfere with the orderly conduct, processes, functions or programs at any other postsecondary institution. The proposed changes to our current policy, therefore, will retain a student's right to file a request through the UF Petitions Committee and continue to allow the University to deny transfer of credit from another institution in misconduct cases.

Proposed New Wording:

A student under any kind of suspension at the University of Florida may earn credit toward a degree at the University of Florida by taking courses at another institution. The University of Florida will accept credit from courses that fall under the common course numbering system. A student under suspension who has successfully completed courses at another institution that do not fall under the common course numbering system may petition to the UF Petitions Committee to accept that credit. All credits accepted by the University of Florida will factor into the student's total credit hour count towards excess hours.

AGENDA
MEETING OF
THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

LAW AUDITORIUM

4:00 P. M.

Thursday, February 22, 1962

Recommended changes in Student Regulations

University of Florida
Gainesville

College of Physical Education and Health

Office of the Dean

February 19, 1962

Mr. R. S. Johnson
Registrar
33 Tigert Hall
Campus

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Will you please include the attached material for presentation to the University Senate.

You will note that most of these recommended changes have been made necessary by the transition from the semester to the trimester system.

The recommendation concerning absences or unsatisfactory work was made at the request of the University Senate.

Cordially,

/s/ D. K. Stanley
D. K. Stanley
Dean

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Enclosure

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT ORIENTATION AND RELATIONS FOR
CHANGES IN ARTICLE VI ON CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

VI Classification of Students

Students will be classified each Trimester as follows:

A. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:

A student with less than 28 semester hours credit will be classified as 1.

A student who has earned 28 semester hours or more but who has not yet qualified for admission to the Upper Division (for any reason) will be classified as 2.

B. UPPER DIVISION: Students in the Upper Division will be classified by the Registrar in accordance with the following procedure:

A student who has been admitted to the Upper Division but whose cumulative total semester hours and grade points earned are less than 94 and 188 respectively, will be classified as 3.

A student who is registered in the Upper Division and who has earned a cumulative total of 94 but less than 124 semester hours and at least 188 grade points will be classified as 4.

A student in the Upper Division, who is a candidate for a degree which normally requires ten trimesters, who has earned a cumulative total of at least 124 semester hours and not less than 248 grade points will be classified as 5.

C. COLLEGE OF LAW:

A student who is registered in the College of Law but who has earned less than 29 semester hours and 58 grade points will be classified as 1.

One who has earned a cumulative total of 29 semester hours but not less than 56 semester hours and at least 58 grade points will be classified as 3.

One who has earned 56 semester hours or more and at least 112 grade points will be classified as 4.

D. NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Degree holding students who have not been admitted to the Graduate School will be classified as 6.

E. GRADUATE SCHOOL:

Students registered in the Graduate School will be classified as 7.

F. A special student who has been permitted to register by the University Admissions Committee and who is not a candidate for a degree will be classified as 0.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT ORIENTATION AND RELATIONS FOR CHANGES IN
ARTICLE XV ON PROBATION, SUSPENSION, AND EXCLUSION FOR ACADEMIC REASONS

XV Probation Because of Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement

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Lower Division Students:

1. A Lower Division student who fails to maintain a 1.5 grade point average for all work attempted during any trimester at the University of Florida will be placed on scholarship probation for his next trimester.
2. A Lower Division student who is on scholarship probation shall be ineligible for further registration at the University of Florida unless he achieves a grade point average of 1.7 or higher for all work attempted during the trimester that he is on scholarship probation or has a 2.0 average for all work attempted at the University of Florida.
3. A Lower Division student who has received a grade in as many as 48 semester hours at all colleges and universities attended and who has failed to earn a "C" (2.0) average on all work attempted at the University of Florida shall be ineligible for further registration at the University unless (1) he is recommended for continuation by the Dean of the Upper Division college into which he expects to enter, or (2) in the event that he has not chosen an Upper Division college, he is recommended for continuation by the Appeals Committee of the University College.
4. A Lower Division student who has attempted 86 semester hours (this includes all work accepted by transfer and all work attempted at the University of Florida) shall be ineligible for further registration at the University unless he is admitted to the Upper Division.
5. A Lower Division student who withdraws from the University after the end of the 6th week of any trimester will be placed on scholarship probation unless he has achieved a "C" (2.0) average for all work attempted at the University of Florida.

Upper Division Students:

6. Any Upper Division student who fails to maintain a "C" (2.0) average for all work attempted in any trimester shall be placed on scholarship probation for his next trimester.

Suspension and Exclusion

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2. An Upper Division student on scholarship probation (under Article IV or XV) will be ineligible for further registration in the University unless he maintains an average of "C" (2.0) in all work attempted that trimester or has an average of "C" (2.0) in all work attempted while registered in his present Upper Division college.

Such student will also be considered as having failed to meet the terms of his probation if he withdraws from the University after the end of the 6th week of any trimester (see Article IV, Withdrawal from the University.), unless he has a "C" (2.0) average in all work attempted while registered in his present Upper Division college.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT ORIENTATION AND RELATIONS FOR CHANGES
IN ARTICLE XVI ON ABSENCES OR UNSATISFACTORY WORK

XVI Absences or Unsatisfactory Work

Absences count from the first meeting of the class rather than from the date the student first registers for a class.

If any student accumulates absences or fails to do class work to the extent that, in the opinion of the instructor, further enrollment appears to be of insufficient value for him to continue or detrimental to the best interests of the class, it shall be the responsibility of the instructor to warn such student in writing that further absence or poor class work will cause him to be dropped from the class with a failing grade. Where possible this warning should be delivered personally; in addition to this procedure, a notification should be given to the Office of the Registrar for mailing to the proper address. All such warnings should be reported immediately to the department head or course chairman.

Should any subsequent absences or failures to do classwork occur the student shall be dropped from the class with a failing grade. The instructor should initiate this procedure by giving the Registrar a written notice.

Should this reduce the load of the student below the minimum required, he shall be suspended from the University.

If the instructor is using a system whereby a given number of "cuts" are allowed, he is authorized to give double "cuts" for absences incurred during the last class meeting before an official university holiday and the first class meeting following such holiday. If he does not use such a system, he is, after verbally warning the class, authorized to drop such offending student at once.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Minutes of the Meeting of February 22, 1962

The University of Florida Senate met in the Law Courtroom at 4 p.m. on February 22, 1962. President J. Wayne Reitz called the meeting to order. He announced that no minutes were available for the meeting of January 17 because of the illness of Mr. Richard S. Johnson and the fact that the information was still in note form. A brief report was given on Mr. Johnson's condition.

Dean Stanley presented the results of the study of the Committee on Student Orientation concerning the transition to the trimester system. Much of the information contained in the agenda is already included in student regulations and Dean Stanley proceeded to go through the items in the agenda, pointing out the various changes to be incorporated into the regulations.

On page 2, section C, College of Law. The College of Law requested and the Committee recommended that this item be deleted. Certain changes are to be made by the Faculty of Law. The item contains rules as they are presently included in the regulations and must be revised.

In Part A, University College, there appeared no change.

In Part B, Upper Division, there is a change in each of the three sections representing largely transition to numerical values based on the total of all work completed. The last part of the section (3) takes care of people who are in a five-year undergraduate curriculum. These will be classified as #5. Classification #6 are college graduates, people beyond the bachelor's degree level, who are working on non-degree programs. No change has been made except to up the classification of these students from 5 to 6. The Graduate School is classified 7 instead of 6.

At this point, Dean Grinter raised the question of the distinction between 6 and 7.

Explanation was given that the purpose was to try to eliminate some of the confusion which exists between the fifth-year classification which now includes such programs as pharmacy, engineering, architecture, etc. and those students who have degrees but have not been admitted to Graduate School. The 5 classification will be reserved for five-year, ten-trimester programs. Six (6) then becomes a program that is non degree or probationary to the 7 classification.

The question was raised concerning possible confusion between the 6 and 0 classification, and the explanation given that 6 represents regular admission to the University or a student already admitted while 0 is a student who, by reason of demonstration, is qualified to take specific courses but may not qualify for admission as a regular student. (This is all in the CATALOG.)

Dean Grinter raised the point that there is a possibility that a student classified 0 or 6 could turn up in Graduate School, but was assured that only those classified 7 could be admitted to Graduate School.

The question was raised about the possibility of a degree-holding student being classified O. Generally speaking no such student would be thus classified except in "unclassified" summer only programs. Possibly a student from an unrecognized institution might hold a degree, but the degree itself would not be recognized. The special student classification is listed in a separate section of the CATALOG and no student is so classified unless he has been admitted by the Board of University Examiners.

The major difference between the 6 and O classification is that people admitted as special (O) students must file credentials with the Board of University Examiners which considers each case on an individual basis.

Sections 1 and 2, Probation because of Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement, contained no changes. They were approved by the Senate about a year ago.

Section 3 contained some change as did Section 4, representing a conversion of the 4-semester rule to 48 semester hours and the 6-semester rule to 86 semester hours respectively.

Director R. O. Weimer raised the question of whether a student may withdraw from the University as many times as he desires. He was assured that this was the case so long as he remained eligible to continue in the University. The consensus was that the number of students with a C average dropping out time after time would be a minimum, and although it might be exploited by a few students, not many would abuse the rule.

Item 6 contained no change.

The section on Suspension and Exclusion contained no change.

The section on Absences or Unsatisfactory Work was discussed. Paragraphs 1 and 2 contained changes in phrasing. The Senate, at its last meeting, requested that some "teeth" be put into the regulation. The last paragraph strengthens the position of a professor using a system of cuts. The privilege is given of dropping students immediately, which is as far as we can go without imposing on the prerogative of the instructor in teaching his class.

A motion was made at this point that the materials as stated be approved by the Senate.

Dean Wimberly raised a question concerning a student on probation who came before the Petitions Committee. The Committee voted with clear confidence that he could not earn credit for a University of Florida degree while on suspension from the University of Florida. Following the meeting, Dean Frank Adams pointed out that no such regulation existed. The only regulation is one which states that such student may not take correspondence courses while he is on suspension. There is no such statement in the Student Regulations and Dean Wimberly was of the opinion that it should be stated in Student Regulations.

Dean Stanley pointed out that the Committee had not considered this because it had not been brought to the attention of the Committee. He could throw no light on where the practice originated or whether the Senate had ever approved it. "It is like Topsy. It just grew."

Dr. Reitz concurred on the appropriateness of this matter. He was aware of the manner in which we have been operating, and suggested that the matter be placed before the Committee to come up with a recommended regulation for the next meeting.

Dr. Anderson raised a question concerning Page 3 "An Upper Division Student on Scholarship Probation . . ." According to present rules, a student might have a 2.5 average for his entire academic career at the University and still be scholastically ineligible to continue in the upper division. He could, for example, make all C's in upper division except for one D each semester and be in this situation. It was Dr. Anderson's suggestion that "A student whose over-all record for all hours attempted at the University of Florida remains above 2.0 will be carried on probation and not made ineligible for re-registration."

A motion was made that the above be added after the first paragraph, item 2, and seconded by Dr. R. Davidson. Dean Wimberly raised the point that the regulations are written to apply to all students with justice and equity. The Petitions Committee serves the purpose for the instance you describe and there is little question concerning the student's ability to register again if he has the approval of the upper division college concerned. The amendment suggested could put a college in a position of retaining a student on probation when actually he should not be continued. Several examples were cited of students who had C averages and who had to petition to register, but Dr. Bentley pointed out that actually the situation had not been a major concern of the Petitions Committee over a period of time.

A motion was made to amend the regulation but was defeated.

A discussion followed of grade point averages as they affected 4- and 6-semester rules in which it was pointed out that the rules are working very well. The rulings have resulted in the forcing of students into counseling situations and this has proved successful, in that more students have been saved than would otherwise have been the case.

Dr. Hanna requested that certain editorial changes be made in the wording of the last paragraph of the agenda. He also felt that no additional power was given the instructors through this section. It was pointed out by Chairman Stanley that the section in question was included at the specific request of the Senate to spell out a policy on cuts preceding and following official holidays. Although the instructor presently has full authority to drop a student, the statement makes the student aware of the possibilities and there is advantage in having it stated.

Dean L. Hale pointed out that there is an additional authority to the instructor in that he may "drop such offending student at once." Under the present system he may not do so without issuing a warning. This new statement entitled him to drop a student immediately. Dr. Hutchinson cited examples of the methods other universities used for pre and post holiday cuts. Mr. Whitehead raised the question of the type of notification the Registrar's Office would receive in these special cases. Dean Stanley suggested that in such cases the Registrar's notice reflect that the student was being dropped under this new provision.

Dr. Sisler and Dr. Gair requested a clarification of the authority of an instructor to drop a student for causes other than absences or unsatisfactory work. It was agreed that instructors had such authority.

Dr. Hanna made a motion that the last paragraph be deleted.

A vote was taken on how many wanted to take a vote on the amendment. Unanimous decision. A vote was taken on the amendment as proposed by Dr. Hanna that

the last paragraph be stricken and was defeated.

Dr. Dauer moved that the class be verbally warned in advance of the last two meetings before the holiday.

Dr. T. W. Stearns moved to delete the last sentence of the last paragraph. A vote was taken on his motion which lost.

Dr. Philpott moved that the final paragraph be referred to the committee for additional consideration. This motion was seconded by Hanna. However, the need for the material to be included in the catalog was brought out and the delay which would be involved through this course of action. Dr. Philpott withdrew his motion and a motion was made to adopt this document, with appropriate editing, and the motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P. M.

AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
MCCARTY AUDITORIUM
3:00 P.M.
Monday, May 28, 1962

1. Proposed changes in Student Regulations
2. Proposed Resolutions
3. Election of Member of Budget Committee
4. Consideration of University Constitution

University of Florida
Gainesville

College of Physical Education and Health

Office of the Dean

May 21, 1962

Dr. J. Wayne Reitz
President
University of Florida
226 Tigert Hall
Campus

Dear President Reitz:

The Committee on Student Orientation and Relations at a meeting on May 9, approved the attached proposed regulations.

It is to be noted that in the case of the proposed regulation "Credit While Suspended" the Junior College Advisory Committee evolved the recommendation and sent it to the Committee on Student Orientation and Relations.

In the case of the proposed regulation "Revision of Section I of Student Regulations -- Petitions and Appeals", this presentation is made at the request of members of the Petitions Committee for relief from an excessive burden of work.

I will appreciate it if this material can be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Senate.

Sincerely,

/s/ D. K. Stanley
D. K. Stanley
Dean

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REVISION OF SECTION I OF STUDENT REGULATIONS

PETITIONS AND APPEALS

In case the operation of the academic regulations appears to result in an undue hardship on an individual student, he may petition for waiver of the regulation.

When petitions pertain to requests for change of schedule after the date authorized for change, exceptions to minimum - maximum load regulation, late registration, or permission to drop a course without a failing grade after the drop date, such petitions should be presented to the School or College in which the student is enrolled. Petitions approved by the School or College must be reported to the Registrar's Office before the action becomes official.

All other petitions should be presented to the Registrar who will refer them to the University Senate Committee on Student Petitions.

The student seeking waiver of a regulation through petition must remember that no committee on petitions can direct an instructor to reinstate a student dropped from a course for absences or unsatisfactory work, nor can the Senate Committee require any college or school to grant a degree by waiving any of these regulations.

(CREDIT WHILE SUSPENDED REGULATION

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However, a student suspended while in the lower division who subsequently graduates from an accredited Junior College may appeal to the Petitions Committee for reinstatement. The Petitions Committee may then, upon the recommendation of the upper division school or college concerned, admit the student on academic probation to that school or college. Credits earned by such students while under suspension from the University of Florida may be transferred in accordance with other rules and regulations of the University of Florida.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 28, 1962

President J. Wayne Reitz called the meeting to order. The minutes of the meeting of April 26, 1962, were presented for approval. A motion was made for approval, the motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Dean D. K. Stanley presented the report of the Committee on Student Orientation and Relations covering "Petitions and Appeals" and "Credit While Suspended Regulation", pointing out that an attempt was being made to put something definite into the regulations. He moved for acceptance, the motion was seconded, and approval given on both regulations.

Dr. E. R. Bartley moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

I

Resolved, that the Senate of the University of Florida considers that the trimester system is to be inaugurated on a trial basis and requests the Board of Control to declare officially that it adopted the trimester system on a trial basis.

II

Resolved, that the Senate of the University of Florida strongly urges the Board of Control and appropriate State of Florida authorities to create an evaluation group, the group to be composed of persons of recognized academic excellence and national scholastic reputation chosen from outside the State and appointed by the Council of Presidents, such evaluation group to study the problems of higher education in Florida with particular reference to the problems of higher education in Florida under year-round operation, the maintenance of academic quality, the consequences of lack of institutional autonomy under increasing control over higher education in Florida, and other problems bearing on these points.

III

Resolved, that the Senate of the University of Florida strongly urges that the President of the University of Florida appoint a committee of the Senate, such committee to report back to the Senate on the educational effectiveness of the trimester system of operation, such report to be rendered as soon as possible following the conclusion of the fall trimester, 1962. The Senate of the University of Florida suggests that each of the other universities of the State create a comparable committee.

Each motion was seconded and duly approved by the Senate.

Action Item - University Senate - Meeting of September 27, 1966

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
Gainesville, 32603

Office of Academic Affairs

September 12, 1966

Dr. Manning J. Dauer
Chairman, Senate Steering Committee
107 Peabody Hall
University of Florida

Dear Dr. Dauer:

Attached are the recommended student academic regulations for the 1967-68 Undergraduate Catalog. These recommendations have been prepared by the Committee on Academic Regulations and have incorporated suggestions of the Schedule and Calendar Committee and the Council of Academic Deans.

It is requested that these recommendations be placed on the action agenda for the September 1966 Senate Meeting.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Roy L. Lassiter, Jr.
Roy L. Lassiter, Jr.
Assistant Dean of
Academic Affairs

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Attachment

REGULATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC REGULATIONS
AND THE SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE

- Informational Notes: 1. The Regulations presented here are to replace those on pages 121-126 in the 1966-1967 Undergraduate Catalog.
2. The numbers in parentheses are for reference in presenting the regulations and are not to appear in the catalog.

STUDENT ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

- (1) For additional information relative to graduation, failure in studies, conduct, social activities, etc., the student should consult The Student Handbook and the sections of the Catalog containing regulations of the separate colleges and schools. Each student is held responsible for observance of the rules and regulations of the University insofar as they affect him.

CREDITS

- (2) The word credit as used in this Catalog refers to one quarter hour.

DEGREES AND GRADUATION

- (3) The Board of Regents will confer the degree appropriate to the course pursued under the following conditions:
- (4) 1. Curriculum requirements. - Certification by the Registrar and the Dean of the college concerned that all requirements of the course of study as outlined in the college announcement, or its equivalent as determined by the faculty of the college offering the course, have been completed.
- (5) 2. Recommendation of the faculty of the college awarding the degree.
- (6) 3. Residence requirements. - (a) The minimum residence requirement for the baccalaureate degree is three quarters. (b) Students are required to complete the last forty-five credits applied toward the baccalaureate degree during regular residence in the college from which the student is to be graduated. Exception to this regulation may be made only upon written petition approved by the faculty of the college concerned, but in no case may the amount of extension work permitted exceed more than eighteen of the last fifty-four credits required for a baccalaureate degree. (c) For residence requirements for degrees in the College of Law see the College of Law Catalog. (d) For residence requirements of the various graduate degrees see the Graduate School Catalog.
- (7) 4. Average required. - In order to secure a degree, a student must have a "C" average or better in all credits required in the Upper Division toward that degree
- (8) 5. Two degrees. - Two degrees of the same rank, e.g., B.A. and B.S. will not be conferred upon the same individual unless the second degree represents at least forty-five credits of additional work, with the necessary qualitative and residence requirements.
- (9) 6. Continuous attendance. - When a student's attendance is continuous,

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

- (28) The comprehensive course examinations (of which the student must successfully pass six or more to complete the program of the University College) are administered by the Board of University Examiners and are given in December, March, June, and August of each year. A student must be familiar with the work of the various courses and be able to think in the several fields in a comprehensive way in order to pass these examinations. Standings on the comprehensive examinations are issued by the Board of Examiners and are not subject to change by any other agency.

APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

- (29) University College students who are enrolled in a course at the time the examination is given need not make application for it. University College students who are not enrolled in a course at the time an examination is given, and who wish to take the comprehensive examination, must apply in writing to the Board of Examiners for permission prior to the last date set for filing such applications. Applications will not be accepted from students registered in the colleges of the Upper Division. Before the application is accepted the applicant will be required to furnish the Board of Examiners with proof that this privilege has not been used to avoid the payment of usual University fees. Applications will be accepted only for those examinations which are administered by the Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners is the only agency authorized to give University College students examination by application.
- (30) As a general policy the Board of Examiners will not approve applications for comprehensive examinations if any of the following conditions prevail:
- (31) 1. The student has been dropped from the course for excessive absences or unsatisfactory work.
 - (32) 2. The student has previously taken the examination in the course.
 - (33) 3. The student has completed other courses in the same general field (e.g., the student who has had courses in history, economics, etc., will not have an application for the comprehensive course in the social sciences, CSS 111 or CSS 112, approved).

PROBATION, SUSPENSION, AND EXCLUSION FOR ACADEMIC REASONS

- (34) The University of Florida is responsible for providing the best possible education in an economical and efficient manner. In order to discharge this responsibility, the University must require reasonable academic progress from its students. Continuation of students who have demonstrated a lack of the necessary ability, preparation, industry, or maturity to benefit reasonably from a program of university study is inconsistent with the University's responsibility as a tax supported institution.
- (35) The University of Florida Senate has enacted regulations covering probation, suspension, and exclusion. These regulations are directed toward enforcing the academic standards of the University. The academic standards of the University require both the maintenance of grade point averages consistent with a reasonable chance of satisfactory completion of the University programs and reasonable conformance to the catalog description of the program of study in which the student is engaged. Any college of the University may specify additional academic standards and students are responsible for observing the regulations pertaining to such standards.

PROBATION BECAUSE OF UNSATISFACTORY
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- (36) The purpose of academic probation is to recognize formally the fact that a student is making unsatisfactory progress.
- (37) The conditions of academic probation are intended to: (1) Relate to quality of achievement below standards required for ultimate graduation; (2) Recognize unsatisfactory work at an early date; (3) Be sufficiently significant to make clear to the student, his parents, and the administration, the shortcomings of the student's performance; (4) Provide occasion for counseling; (5) Give students whose ultimate success is doubtful further opportunity to demonstrate adequate performance.

All undergraduate students:

- (38) Any student who is eligible to return to the University after a suspension because of academic reasons (failure to receive passing grades in at least one-half of his work or having his load reduced to less than twelve hours), will be placed on scholarship probation for his next quarter.
- (39) In addition to University probation, a student may be placed on probation by the College in which he is registered if he does not maintain normal academic progress in the program of study in which he is engaged.

Lower division students:

- (40) A lower division student not on probation, who fails to maintain a 1.5 grade point average for all work attempted during any quarter at the University of Florida will be placed on scholarship probation for his next quarter.

Upper division students:

- (41) An upper division student not on probation who fails to maintain a "C" (2.0) average for all work attempted in any quarter will be placed on scholarship probation for his next quarter.

CONTINUATION OF PROBATION

Freshmen:

- (42) A freshman who is in his second quarter of attendance in college and who is on scholarship probation shall have his probation continued unless he either:
- (43) 1. becomes subject to the suspension rule as a result of having failed to pass at least half of the credits carried.
- (44) 2. satisfies his probation by achieving a grade point average of 1.7 or higher for all work attempted during his second quarter.

Lower division students:

- (45) A lower division student on scholarship probation who withdraws prior to the final date published in the University Catalog will be continued on scholarship probation for his next quarter.

Upper division students:

- (46) An upper division student on scholarship probation who withdraws prior to the final date published in the University Catalog will be continued on probation if his average is above "C" (2.0) for all work attempted while registered in his present upper division college.

REMOVAL OF PROBATION

Lower division students:

- (47) Scholarship probation will be removed for any full-time lower division student who earns a grade point average of 1.7 or higher during the quarter when he is on scholarship probation at the University of Florida.

Upper division students:

- (48) Scholarship probation will be removed for any full-time upper division student who earns a grade point average of "C" (2.0) or higher during the quarter when he is on scholarship probation at the University of Florida.

Removal of college probation:

- (49) A student will be removed from college probation when it is deemed by his college that he is making normal academic progress in the program of study in which he is engaged.

SUSPENSION

- (50) The purpose of suspension from the University for academic reasons is to remove from the University those students who would not ultimately meet requirements for graduation if they continued at their current level of progress.
- (51) The conditions of academic suspensions are intended to: (1) Select students whose performance indicates that they will not fulfill the requirements for graduation; (2) Encourage students to leave the University as soon as a high probability of failure is evident.

All undergraduate students:

- (52) All undergraduate students (i.e. students classified other than 7) who do not receive passing grades (A,B,C,D) in at least one-half of the hours attempted in any quarter shall be suspended immediately from the University. If such a student was not on probation for academic reasons and had not been previously suspended for academic reasons, the suspension shall be for one quarter. If the student was on probation for academic reasons or had been previously suspended for academic reasons, he shall be excluded from the University without the opportunity to re-enroll. However, failure in only one course carrying five quarter hours or less shall not cause the student to be suspended under this provision.
- (53) All undergraduate students who are dropped from a course because of excessive absences or unsatisfactory work and as a result of such action are left with an academic load of less than twelve credits, shall be suspended immediately. If such a student was on probation or had been previously suspended for academic reasons, he shall be excluded from the University without the opportunity to re-enroll. If the student was not on probation or had not been previously suspended for academic reasons, the suspension shall be for one full quarter.

- (54) Any student who receives a second EW (dropped for non-attendance or unsatisfactory work) in military science courses will be suspended from the University for one full quarter.

Lower division students:

- (55) A lower division student who is on scholarship probation, and who has completed two or more quarters in college shall be ineligible for further registration at the University of Florida unless he achieves a grade point average of 1.7 or higher for all work attempted during the quarter when he is on scholarship probation or has a 2.0 average for all work attempted at the University of Florida. (A quarter shall be regarded as completed if the student received any grade or was suspended or placed on probation during that quarter.)

Upper division students:

- (56) An upper division student who is on scholarship probation will be ineligible for further registration at the University unless he maintains an average of "C" (2.0) in all work attempted that quarter or has an average of "C" (2.0) in all work attempted while registered in his present upper division college.

EARNING CREDIT WHILE SUSPENDED

- (57) A student under any kind of suspension at the University of Florida may not earn credit toward a degree at the University of Florida by taking work in residence at another institution or through extension or correspondence courses.
- (58) However, a student suspended while in the lower division who subsequently graduates from an accredited Junior College may appeal to the Petitions Committee for reinstatement. The Petitions Committee may then, upon the recommendation of the upper division school or college concerned, admit the student on academic probation to that school or college. Credits earned by such students while under suspension from the University of Florida may be transferred in accordance with other rules and regulations of the University of Florida.

EXCLUSION

Lower division students:

- (59) A lower division student who has received grades in as many as 60 quarter hours at all colleges and universities attended and who has failed to earn a "C" (2.0) average on all work attempted at the University of Florida shall be ineligible for further registration at the University of Florida unless (1) he is recommended for continuation by the Dean of the upper division college into which he expects to enter, or (2) he is recommended for continuation by the Dean of the University College in order that he might earn an Associate of Arts Certificate.
- (60) A lower division student who has attempted 125 quarter hours (this includes all work accepted by transfer and all work attempted at the University of Florida) shall be ineligible for further registration at the University unless he is admitted to the upper division.

Exclusion from an undergraduate program of study:

- (61) A student may be excluded from a program of study by the College responsible for the program if he fails or refuses to maintain normal academic progress. Such exclusion does not prohibit the student from enrolling in other programs or colleges if he meets the requirements.

Graduate students:

- (62) Any graduate student may be denied further registration in the University or in his graduate major when his progress toward completion of his planned graduate program becomes unsatisfactory. Unsatisfactory progress has been defined by the Graduate Council as failure to maintain an accumulative grade average of B in all work attempted in the Graduate School.

WITHDRAWALS

All undergraduate students:

- (63) It is the responsibility of each student to make every effort to complete the full quarter at the University. If any student withdraws after the date published in the Catalog, he shall be assigned grades of WF (withdrew failing) in all courses, and will be subject to the suspension and exclusion regulations.
- (64) Any student not on probation, who withdraws from the University after the end of the fifth week of any quarter, will be placed on scholarship probation if his average is below "C" (2.0) for all work attempted at the University of Florida.

Lower division students:

- (65) A lower division student on scholarship probation who withdraws from the University prior to the final date published in the Catalog will be continued on scholarship probation for his next quarter.

Upper division students:

- (66) An upper division student on scholarship probation will be ineligible for further registration in the University if he withdraws after the end of the fifth week of any quarter unless he has a "C" (2.0) average for all work attempted while registered in his present upper division college.

ABSENCES OR UNSATISFACTORY WORK

- (67) Absences count from the first meeting of the class rather than from the date the student first registers for a class.
- (68) A. If any student accumulates absences or fails to do class work to the extent that, in the opinion of the instructor, further enrollment appears to be of insufficient value for him to continue or detrimental to the best interests of the class, it shall be the responsibility of the instructor to warn such student in writing that further absence or poor work will cause him to be dropped from the class with a failing grade. Where possible this warning should be delivered personally; in addition to this procedure, a notification should be given to the Office of the Registrar for mailing to the proper address. All such warnings should be reported immediately to the department chairman or course chairman.

- (69) Should any subsequent absences or failure to do classwork occur the student shall be dropped from the class with a failing grade. The instructor should initiate this procedure by giving the Registrar written notice.
- (70) Should this reduce the load of the student below the minimum required he shall be suspended from the University.
- (71) If the instructor is using a system whereby a given number of absences is allowed, he is authorized to give double "cuts" for any absence incurred during the last class meeting before an official University holiday and the first class meeting following an official University holiday.
- (72) If he does not use such a system, he is, after warning the class, either at the beginning of the course or several periods in advance of the forthcoming holiday, authorized to drop the offending student(s) at once. When a student is dropped after a class warning the notice to the Registrar must so state.
- (73) B. When a student is suspended from a course under the provisions of A above, his parents shall be notified in writing by the Registrar.
- (74) C. NINE-DAY RULE: No student shall absent himself from the University for more than nine scholastic days per quarter in order to participate in athletic or in extracurricular activities.
- (75) The Nine-Day Rule applies to individual members of the group rather than to the group as a whole. Consequently, a schedule of more than nine days for any activity is not prohibited, provided the personnel of the group is so rotated that no student is absent from the campus for more than nine "scholastic" days (a scholastic day is any day on which regular class work is scheduled).
- (76) A student who has been warned for absences or unsatisfactory work in any class should not incur additional absences in that course, even though he has not been absent from the University for nine scholastic days. It is the responsibility of the student to see that his class work and attendance is satisfactory.

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

- (77) Students will be classified by the Registrar each quarter as follows:
1. University College:

(78) A student with less than 42 quarter hours credit will be classified as 1.

(79) A student who has earned 42 quarter hours or more but who has not yet qualified for admission to the Upper Division (for any reason) will be classified as 2.
 2. Upper Division:

(80) A student who has been admitted to the Upper Division but whose cumulative total quarter hours and grade points earned are less than 135 and 270, respectively, will be classified as 3.

(81) A student who is registered in the Upper Division and who has earned a cumulative total of 135 but less than 180 quarter hours and at least 270 grade points will be classified as 4.

- (82) A student in the Upper Division, who is a candidate for a degree which normally required 15 quarters, who has earned a cumulative total of at least 180 quarter hours and not less than 360 grade points will be classified as 5.
3. Non-degree programs for college graduates:
- (83) Degree-holding students who have not been admitted to the Graduate School will be classified as 6.
4. Graduate School:
- (84) Students registered in the Graduate School will be classified as 7.
5. Special or transient classification:
- (85) A special or transient student who has been permitted to register by the University Admissions Committee and who is not a candidate for a degree at the University of Florida will be classified as 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- (86) All actions taken under these regulations shall be reflected by appropriate notations on the student's record.

The University Senate

Minutes of the Meeting of September 27, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Reitz at 3 P. M. in McCarty Auditorium.

The minutes of the meeting of June 30, 1966 were approved.

The President called upon the Deans and Directors present to introduce new members of the Senate from their areas. After this, he introduced and welcomed home Dr. F. W. Conner, Vice President.

The first action item was the election of members to the Steering, Academic Freedom and Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards and Budget Committees. The Nominating Committee's report was presented by Professor Anderson, Chairman of the Committee, who announced that the Committee was submitting the name of H. H. Holbrook in place of W. S. Silver as a nominee for the Steering Committee as Professor Silver is not a member of the Senate as required. Professor Paul Hanna, Chairman of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, indicated that the University Constitution, Senate By-law 7.2 and precedent dictated that the alternate members of this Committee be individually elected. Therefore, a minimum of two nominations from the floor would be appropriate. He also corrected the dates of the terms. The Chair opened the floor for nominations. The only Committee receiving nominations was Academic Freedom and Tenure; nominated were R. W. Fahien and T. L. Hanna. Upon passing a motion for nominations to close, voting took place. Professors Anderson, Choate and Broyles were appointed tellers. (See Appendix attached to these minutes for the result of these elections).

The second item on the Agenda was proposed amendments to Senate By-law #7. This was presented by Professor Hanna, Chairman of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure. He pointed out that the changes being made were to clarify the By-law. He stated that the committee would like to edit Section 5 as it appeared in the agenda. In the fifth sentence the word "two-man" should be changed to "three-man" and another sentence should be added to the paragraph: "If a negative decision is reached, this shall terminate the matter." Professor Hanna moved the adoption of the proposed changes. This was seconded and passed.

The next item was recommended Student Academic Regulations which will appear in the 1966-67 Undergraduate Catalog. The presentation was made by Professor Lassiter, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, who moved the adoption of the regulations and spoke to the motion after it was seconded. He stated that most of the changes are to convert to the quarter system, but identified some that are new. Dean Brooker moved that paragraph (85) regarding classification of students be amended to read "Any student who has been permitted to register by the University Admissions Committee and who is not working for a degree at the University of Florida will be classified as O." The motion was seconded. There followed considerable discussion, most of which was against the motion. It was pointed out that this would create problems for students seeking teacher certification and transferring to other institutions, would not conform to Board of Regents reports and would complicate the implementation of the GENESYS program. A motion was made to table the amendment and was so ordered by the Chair. Professor McQuitty moved the deletion in paragraph (28) "(of which the student must successfully pass six or more to complete the program of the University College)" since this actually is a prerogative of the University College. The President so ordered. There then followed much discussion of paragraph (63), having to do with the withdrawal of undergraduate students after the date published in the catalog. It was the concerned feeling of many that the regulation would penalize the student who had a valid reason for withdrawing. It was explained that the student could make arrangements with his instructors for I grades or could appeal to the Senate Committee on Student Petitions. Professor Ray made the motion that

paragraph (63) be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration. This was seconded. Mr. Whitehead pointed out that if this were done, it could not appear in the 1966-67 catalog. Upon call for question, the motion failed. The call for question on the original motion was made and it passed.

The last item on the action agenda was consideration of a report from an ad. hoc. Committee on the question of Compulsory vs Voluntary ROTC. The report was presented by Professor Lassiter, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs. Since the Committee made no recommendation, Professor Lassiter moved that the University continue to require basic ROTC. The motion was seconded. Colonel Boaz then outlined the position of the Air Force which is that the purpose of the program is to produce officers and that it is felt that this can be done best with a voluntary program. He stated that the Air Force can meet its quota with this plan. Colonel Mitchell spoke for the Army's position which is for compulsory ROTC. He stated that there is a critical need by the Army for Second Lieutenants and that since voluntary programs had been adopted at other institutions, the number produced had been on the decline. Many Senators participated in the continuing discussion. Some suggested the importance of the citizenship and discipline training and the National need. Others expressed the opinion that need for officers was a problem of society and not the responsibility of higher education. Professor Bentley asked what difficulty a student would face who elected not to take the basic program and later decided to seek a commission. He was advised that present law provides that this can be done in two years when the student participates in a six-weeks summer camp prior to the Junior year. The question was called and by a count of hands the motion failed 109 to 74. Vice President Mautz indicated that this would become effective with the quarter calendar and the Curriculum Committee could use as guidelines, in implementation, the information on page 30 of the agenda.

Mr. Mautz called attention to future action item.

Professor Kammerer asked to be recognized and placed before the Senate the following motion: That the President be authorized to appoint an ad. hoc. Committee to study inequities now existing in deducting retirement contributions for two months' contract or grant periods in excess of regular ten months' academic contracts of faculty and this committee propose the content of any needed legislative changes to eliminate this inequity so that steps may be initiated to get this matter before the 1967 Florida Legislature. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 P M

