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MEMORANDUM

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To: University Graduate Programs Committee
University Graduate Council
University Faculty Senate

From: Robert Stackman Jr. 

RE: PROPOSAL to Revise Catalog Language

1. Revised catalog language

ACADEMIC PROGRESSION PLAN

The minimum University-wide, cumulative GPA requirement for degree-seeking graduate students is a 3.0.
Note: Individual graduate programs may specify more stringent or specialized requirements beyond this minimum requirement. Students in graduate or professional degree programs whose cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 at the end of a semester will be designated as not in good academic standing by the University and will be placed on academic probation. Graduate students on probation are expected to submit a signed and completed Form 11 - Academic Progression Plan (APP) to the Graduate College to continue in their program of study. Students will develop an APP with their academic advisor or program coordinator, gather the necessary signatures and submit the form to the Graduate College. The major professor and program director/coordinator will ensure that the student on probation adheres to the approved APP (i.e., registers for the prescribed degree-applicable courses). The advisor or program coordinator may recommend dismissal instead of developing and approving an APP. In this case, the graduate program will initiate the dismissal process, as defined by the 2015 Provost's memo here. For a student who fails to meet the requirements stipulated in the APP, (i.e., fails to attain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the end of the next full term of enrollment), the graduate program will initiate the dismissal process unless a revised APP is submitted and approved by the Graduate College. A revised APP will be required if the department does not recommend dismissal, and pending acceptance by the dean of the Graduate College, the student will be allowed to continue in the degree program. Academic dismissal constitutes a separation of the student from the University for academic reasons. Students on dismissal will not be permitted to register for courses, including registering as a non-degree student. However, at the time of dismissal, the major professor and/or department chair/director may petition the academic dean for consideration of special circumstances that the professor thinks constitute justification for an exception to this regulation, but under no circumstances will a student be allowed more than one additional term of probation after reinstatement. A graduate student who is dismissed and subsequently enrolls as a non-degree-seeking graduate student, or as a graduate student at another institution, may not have this coursework count toward fulfilling degree requirements should the student ever be readmitted into the same graduate program at FAU.

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2. New catalog language

TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

All requirements for the doctoral degree must be completed within five calendar years from the time the student passes the preliminary or qualifying examination and is admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree. Leaves of absence do not extend the five-year limit. Extensions (in 1-year increments) beyond the five-year limit will be considered through the formal petition procedure. If the student's major professor and/or department chair does not choose to either approve an Extension of Time (EOT) or require the student to take the preliminary/qualifying exam and/or coursework again for readmission to candidacy, then the student may no longer be enrolled in that program or at Florida Atlantic University.