

**UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

Introduced by: Undergraduate Academic Council

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO RETURN/READMISSION POLICY FOR BULLETIN YEAR

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the attached changes be made to the Return/Readmission Policy Regarding Bulletin Year..
2. That this proposal be forwarded to the President for approval.
3. That this take effect upon the President's approval.

Rationale:

RETURN/READMISSION POLICY REGARDING BULLETIN YEAR

Current policy: Students who resume study within a six semester period of time will meet degree requirements indicated in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* in effect upon their initial matriculation. Students who resume study after a six-semester period of time will meet degree requirements as indicated by the *Undergraduate Bulletin* in effect when they return.

Rationale for a change in policy: In the last two months we have had four students who left the University and were readmitted at three different times. Under the current policy these students' bulletin year would be their initial matriculation date which is the 1998-99 bulletin year. That means that the students are following requirements that are 9 years old. If the student was a Computer Science major the requirements from nine years ago would be vastly different than they are today. In addition many of the old courses are no longer offered or taught so that the department would have to make many exceptions to have the student be able to graduate.

Proposal: Students who resume study within a six semester period of time will meet degree requirements indicated in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* in effect for their initial matriculation. Students with a **cumulative total of more than six semesters of absence, whether or not those semesters are consecutive,** will have the appropriate bulletin year determined by the Committee for Academic Standing.