

To: The University Senate
From: The Educational Policy Committee
Subject: Full-time Students Not Enrolled in Any College or Department Due to Academic Underperformance
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

Rationale: Academic programs sometimes have requirements or milestones that need to be met for a student to continue in the program. When students do not meet these requirements, they may then change their major through the Major Change or (Change in Degree Objective, a.k.a. CODO) process to continue at Purdue. Students need to meet the major change criteria for the new major, according to the student's catalog term.

The major change criteria across the university have evolved such that all majors now require at least a minimum GPA of 2.0, creating a new possible situation for a student. A student can now no longer meet the requirements to continue in their current major, be eligible for continued enrollment at the university (i.e. not be academically separated), but also not be eligible to join any major at the university. (While a student can change to Exploratory Studies with no GPA restriction, EXPL has time and credit limits.)

Since AY 2018-19, some students have been enrolled in the University without being within any College or Department, and thus without even a formal academic advisor. Although Exploratory Studies advisors have been serving and working with these students, the students by definition are not eligible to be Exploratory Studies students.

There are many reasons for such students not to leave the University (pride, family pressure, etc.). However, these students are still paying tuition and housing costs, while not making progress toward a degree. All have been given the recommendation to at least temporarily pursue a different endeavor, but have continued to sign on for further enrollment.

A push is required for these students to leave the University without incurring further debts, to find another line of employment or enquiry for some time, and then reconsider whether to petition for reenrollment or move ahead in another direction.

Proposal: Students without a Degree Objective, who are not enrolled in any College or Department because they do not meet the minimum academic requirements for any CODO (change of degree objective) for one year, shall be academically separated from the University.

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