

Motion Re Temporary Transcript Annotation in Cases of Academic Dishonesty
Passed by Admissions and Standards, September 24, 2009

Effective Fall 2010

Motion: *Additions*

Penalties to be Imposed: Penalties to be imposed in incidents of academic dishonesty are classified as “academic” or “disciplinary.” Academic penalties include such sanctions as assignment of a failing grade for a particular course requirement, or for the course itself, or for other tests or program assignments. Academic penalties are set by the faculty member. Disciplinary sanctions can be sought in addition to those considered academic and could include, but are not limited to, the following penalties: suspension, expulsion, transcript annotations (*temporary for a period of five years or permanent, as designated*). Disciplinary penalties can be requested by the faculty member in consultation with the department chair or director, must be reviewed by the University Senate Committee on Student Discipline, and are set by the Provost.

Rationale:

This motion is a recommendation from the Committee on Student Discipline to enable increased flexibility in recommending a broader range of disciplinary actions.

Over the last several years, the Senate Committee on Student Discipline has frequently seen cases where a transcript annotation for a temporary period of time seemed to be the most appropriate disciplinary penalty given the circumstances of the student and the severity of the infraction. However, current policy limits the flexibility of the Committee in recommending appropriate disciplinary penalties. Where a temporary transcript annotation might have been most appropriate, the committee may have recommended no transcript annotation at all because the permanent transcript annotation may have been too severe. The Senate Committee on Student Discipline feels that this change would allow them increased flexibility in their recommendations.

Implementation:

Currently, transcript annotation takes the form of an “@” next to the grade of “F” on the transcript. The transcript key indicates that an “@” means that the “F” was awarded as a result of academic dishonesty. Currently, once the “@” appears on a transcript, it can never be removed. If passed, this proposal would be implemented via the new Banner System (Banner 8) such that the Student Discipline Committee could decide to add an “@” that would disappear after five years, i.e. a Temporary Transcript Annotation. The Registrar indicates that this can be set up to happen automatically (much as ‘I’s are automatically translated to ‘F’s after two semesters).

As we transition to Banner 8, this is the time to make such changes so as to provide a technological pathway for implementation. Currently, even if we were to recommend a

temporary transcript annotation, it could not be implemented because no one has programmed Banner 7 to be able to accept it. By listing all of our options, we are asking for commensurate technologies in the forthcoming Banner 8 so as to be able to recommend any combination of the following options:

- [1] Transcript annotation (temporary for a period of five years or permanent, as designated);
- [2] Suspension (As is the current state: The student's file is documented - but it is not documented on the transcript)
- [3] Expulsion (As is the current state: The student's file is documented- but it is not documented on the transcript)

The implementation date is set to Fall 2010 because we are converting to Banner 8 in Spring 2010. Banner 8 can implement this policy much more easily than Banner 7 so it makes sense to wait and implement in Fall 2010 with Banner 8.