

# Shared Governance Proposal Review Process

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Proposal Name:

Date Received:

Is proposal a SGOC issue? Yes No

Responsible Committee:

Type of review:

Faculty Handbook Issue: Yes No

Staff Handbook Issue: Yes No

Constituency Groups: Faculty Senate

Chair's Council

Staff Senate

SGA

Dean's Council

GSC

	Expedited (7 Business Days)	Full (39 Business Days)	Extended (93 Business Days)
SGOC establish disposition		2 days	5 days
		Due by:	Due by:
SGOC forward to responsible committees and SGCs		2 days	5 days
		Due by:	Due by:
SGCs send comments to responsible committee		7 days	21 days
		Due by:	Due by:
Responsible committee prepares final draft and sends to SGOC		7 days	21 days
		Due by:	Due by:
SGOC sends final draft to constituency groups for final up/down vote		2 days	5 days
		Due by:	Due by:
Constituency groups vote and notify SGOC		7 days	21 days
		Due by:	Due by:
SGOC tally votes and sends final report		2 days	5 days
		Due by:	Due by:
Chancellor review and response		10 days	10 days
		Due by:	Due by:

Notes:

Final Status:

Date:

SGOC Proposal - Academic Standing for December Interim (Winter Session)

- I. Date: 1/25/23
- II. Sponsoring Constituent: UEAPC
- III. Statement of the Issue: Imposing Academic Standing for December Interim (Winter Session) Interim possess a problem for Spring enrollment and financial aid processing.
- IV. Proposal: Defer the application of academic standing for December Interim (Winter Session) coursework to Spring semester outcome. Grade point average totals will appear at the end of the Interim Session courses. Academic standing will read 'Waived'.
- V. Rational for Proposal: With the increased enrollment in December Interim (Winter Session), it has become evident that applying A-State's academic standing policy and regulations to this short part of term is problematic for several reasons. Foremost, the session ends one day before the start of the Spring term. For this reason, grades are not submitted until the start of the term and academic standing is not updated until after students have already started attending their Spring classes. There is not sufficient time to identify and communicate with students with poor academic standing. Therefore, students on academic suspension following December Interim (Winter Session) are dropped from classes for which they are already attending and have been charged. In addition, some students have purchased course materials that cannot be refunded. This policy is also a problem for financial aid because the December Interim (Winter Session) term is considered part of the spring term for financial aid processing.

Since enrollment in December Interim (Winter Session) is limited to four weeks in length and a maximum of 6 credits, the condensed experience does not warrant the same policy consideration given to a 15-week traditional semester. Finally, December Interim (Winter Session) is an important student retention option for students who need last minute additional hours for graduation, scholarships, or GPA purposes. Whereas, imposing academic standing policy could be a barrier to their continued enrollment because of the limited hours a student can take during an interim. A low earned grade in a few credits could put a student on academic probation or suspension.

For these reasons, the swift turnaround of December Interim (Winter Session) brings inherent problems for academic standing during this part-of-term and should be waived. Instead, academic standing for December Interim (Winter Session) should read 'Waived' and outcomes should be part of Spring semester academic standing as it relates to cumulative g.p.a. and fall as the previous standing.

Supplemental Information:

- December Interim course load is counted with spring (not fall) for financial aid purposes only.
- Financial aid for spring can be used to pay for December Interim tuition charges.
- Students on a current suspension would not be eligible to attend December Interim.

*December Interim Enrollment*

Year	Enr.
2017	32
2018	33
2019	2
2020	233
2021	195
2022	247

VI. Type of review (i.e., expedited, full, or extended)

- The committee recommends expedited review.