

College of Education Policy & Procedures
For Students who are Dismissed for Academic Reasons
i.e., two quarter of more of poor scholarship

SU Probation and Dismissal Policy (for Graduates):

Student who have two or more quarters of poor scholarship at Seattle University, i.e., who earn a cumulative grade point average below 3.0, may be subject to dismissal. Student dismissed for academic reasons may request reconsideration through the appropriate dean in accordance with the policy of the individual college.

College of Education Policy for Student to Request Review of Dismissal for a Program based on GPA lower than 3.0

(see SU Probation and Dismissal in 2003-2004 Graduate Bulletin, p. 12)
[Policy 75-14, 75-3, 81-2, 81-3 and 81-4]

College of Education Policy & Procedures for Students Dismissed for Academic Reasons (two quarters or more of poor scholarship):

- A. The Dean of the College of Education has delegated to the Associate Dean of the College of Education review of students' requests for reconsideration of a program dismissal for academic reasons, i.e., for having two or more quarters of poor scholarship.
- B. The standard for review of a request for reconsideration of a program dismissal for academic reasons is whether the decision for dismissal was arbitrary and capricious. Arbitrary and capricious action is willful and unreasoning action, without consideration and in disregard of facts or circumstances. Where there is room for two opinions, action is not arbitrary and capricious when exercised honestly and upon due consideration, even though it may be believed that an erroneous conclusion has been reached.
- C. Student requests for reconsideration of program dismissal for academic reasons, i.e., for having two or more quarters of poor scholarship, must use the following procedures
 1. The student must make a written request for reconsideration of a program dismissal within 5 school days after being notified of the dismissal.
 2. If a written request for reconsideration of a program dismissal is not received by the Associate Dean within 5 school days after the student was notified of the decision for dismissal, then the student has forfeited the right to request a reconsideration of the program dismissal for academic reasons. No other avenue for requesting reconsideration is available to the student.
 2. The written request must contain the reason(s) why the student believes that the dismissal was arbitrary and capricious.

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D. After receiving the written request for reconsideration, the Associate Dean will meet with the student and take whatever other steps deemed appropriate to determine the validity of the student's claim that the program dismissal for academic reasons was made in an arbitrary and capricious manner.

E. After receiving the student's written request for reconsideration, the Associate Dean will notify the program who dismissed the student for academic reasons of the student request for a reconsideration of the dismissal decision and will give a copy of the written request to the program director.

F. After meeting with the student and taking whatever other steps deemed appropriate to determine the validity of the student's claim that the program dismissal for academic reasons was made in an arbitrary and capricious manner, the Associate Dean will communicate in writing to the student and to the program who dismissed the student whether the Associate Dean found that the dismissal decision was arbitrary and capricious.

G. If the Associate Dean finds that the dismissal decision was not arbitrary and capricious, then the dismissal decision of the program is upheld and the student is dismissed from the program.

H. If the Associate Dean finds that the dismissal decision was arbitrary and capricious, the student will be reinstated as an active student in the program.

I. The Associate Dean's decision on the request for reconsideration is final. There is no recourse from the decision of the Associate Dean.