COMMITTEE REPORT OF ADOPTION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATION

DATE: November 15, 2013

TO: Steven Stepanek, Faculty President

FROM: Educational Policies Committee

BY: Elizabeth T. Adams, Executive Secretary

Name of proposed policy: Second Baccalaureate Disqualification Policy

After its meeting on November 13, 2013, the Committee voted via email on November 14, 2013 to adopt a policy recommendation by passing the following motion:

MSP: Create disqualification policy for second baccalaureate students.

Current policy or catalog copy:

Academic Standing

3. Disqualified Status: Students who were on probation the previous semester are placed in disqualified status if, at the end of the next semester, either their cumulative total GPA or CSUN GPA falls below the floor listed for each class level in the table below:

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<th>Class Level</th>
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<td>(1-29 units) 1.50</td>
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Units of developmental course work are included in determining class level. Students in disqualified status are not eligible to enroll in the University through the regular enrollment process. They can enroll in CSUN courses only through Open University in the Tseng College. Students seeking to enroll in courses should refer to the Tseng College website at http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/. Only 24 units of course credit earned in the Tseng College can be counted toward a CSUN Degree. The 24-unit limit includes courses completed in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer sessions through Tseng College. Before students in disqualified status can be readmitted under an Academic Performance Agreement (APA), they must demonstrate acquired skills or achievements that support a successful return to the University. Such evidence may include successful completion of courses in the student’s Degree Program at another institution or through the Tseng College with grades that demonstrate the student can achieve good standing in a reasonable time frame if readmitted to CSUN. Students are strongly urged to meet with their CSUN academic advisor to discuss the requirements that must be completed in order to be readmitted to the University. When all requirements have been met, students may apply to the University for readmission.

4. Readmitted Under Academic Performance Agreement (APA): Students who have been academically disqualified, but who are readmitted to the University under
terms of probation, are classified as readmitted under an APA. Students who are readmitted under an APA have registration holds and are not able to register for classes until they have received advisement. During advisement, the student and advisor examine the student’s progress toward improving academic status and set goals for the next semester. Declared majors typically receive advisement from the SSC/EOP Satellite in their College. Undecided students receive advisement in the ARC/EOP. Students who are readmitted under APA can enroll in a maximum of 13 units in a semester or Summer term. To request additional units, students must complete the Extra Unit Authorization form and obtain the signatures of the Director of their College SSC/EOP Satellite or ARC/EOP for Undecided or Undeclared majors and the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Students in this status, whether they have 1 or 2 disqualifications, must fulfill all of the following requirements until they reach good standing: 1) earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA; 2) enroll in classes each semester; and 3) have in place a signed APA that details the academic progress that must be achieved to move the student toward completion of the Baccalaureate Degree within a designated time period.

Students who are readmitted under an APA, but who fail to maintain continuous enrollment in classes each semester or who fail to achieve a 2.0 semester GPA, revert back to disqualified status. They must reapply and be readmitted to the University as a previously disqualified student in order to be eligible to enroll in classes through the regular enrollment process. See section below titled Readmission of Previously Disqualified Students.

Academic disqualification is a permanent notation in a student’s academic record and has serious consequences that can impact attainment of a Baccalaureate Degree. The consequences of academic disqualification depend upon whether it is the first, second or third disqualification that the student receives.

Categories of Disqualification

First Disqualification: Any student whose cumulative GPA is below a 1.0 will be disqualified immediately without first being placed on probation. In addition, students who were on probation the previous semester are placed in disqualified status if at the end of the next semester either their cumulative total or CSUN GPA falls below the GPA listed for each class level (See Table under Academic Standing item 3. “Disqualified Status”). Students who receive a first disqualification will not be eligible to enroll at CSUN through the regular enrollment process for at least 1 semester. They will need to apply for readmission as a previously disqualified student by posted deadlines. Disqualified students can enroll in Open University through CSUN’s Tseng College for up to 24 units (including Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer courses), or can take transferable courses at other institutions. In order to gain readmission, students will be expected to demonstrate ability to succeed in university-level classes. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html.

Second Disqualification: Students who receive a second disqualification are not permitted to continue to enroll in CSUN courses through the regular enrollment process for at least 1 semester. An application for readmission as a previously disqualified student by posted deadlines is required. Students disqualified for a second time can enroll in Open University through CSUN’s Tseng College for up to 24 units (including Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer courses) or can take transferable courses at other institutions. In order to gain readmission, students will be expected to demonstrate ability to succeed in university-level classes. Readmitted students are subject to all of the regulations described above in the section titled “Readmitted Under APA.” Students who fail to earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA will receive a third disqualification. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html. Third Disqualification: Students who receive a third disqualification are not eligible to seek readmission to the University for a minimum of 5 years after the final day of the semester during which they received the third disqualification. Students who
have been disqualified 3 times may not retake classes or finish an Incomplete contract for the purpose of raising grades to avoid a third disqualification.

**Readmission of Previously Disqualified Students**

Students in disqualified status who are interested in returning to the University for a subsequent semester must reapply to the University. Students in disqualified status seeking readmission must submit: (1) a formal application for readmission through CSU Mentor (www.csumentor.edu); (2) official transcripts of course(s) completed at another college or university during the period in which the student has been in disqualified status; and (3) a Previously Disqualified Student Questionnaire. These documents must be filed in the Office of Admissions and Records by the published deadline before campus review can begin. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html.

**Academic Reinstatement to the University after a Third Disqualification**

Five years from the final day of the semester during which the student received a third disqualification, the student may reapply to the University during the appropriate application filing period. The student must provide evidence that demonstrates acquired skills or achievements that support a successful return to the University. Reinstated students are readmitted under an APA and are subject to all of the regulations that apply to students in this status. Students who fail to earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA will receive a final disqualification and will be given no further opportunities for readmission. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html.
Proposed policy or catalog copy:

3. Disqualified Status: Students who were on probation the previous semester are placed in disqualified status if, at the end of the next semester, either their cumulative total GPA or CSUN GPA falls below the floor listed for each class level in the table below:

- Freshman (1-29 units) 1.50
- Sophomore (30-59 units) 1.70
- Junior (60-89 units) 1.85
- Senior (90-plus units) 1.95

Second Baccalaureate Disqualification: Second baccalaureate students will be placed in disqualified status if either their cumulative or total GPA or CSUN GPA falls below 2.0.

Units of developmental course work are included in determining class level. Students in disqualified status are not eligible to enroll in the University through the regular enrollment process. They can enroll in CSUN courses only through Open University in the Tseng College. Students seeking to enroll in courses should refer to the Tseng College website at http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/. Only 24 units of course credit earned in the Tseng College can be counted toward a CSUN Degree. However, second baccalaureate students are limited to 9 units of course credit through Open University. The unit limits include courses completed in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer sessions through Tseng College. Before students in disqualified status can be readmitted under an Academic Performance Agreement (APA), they must demonstrate acquired skills or achievements that support a successful return to the University. Such evidence may include successful completion of courses in the student’s Degree Program at another institution or through the Tseng College with grades that demonstrate the student can achieve good standing in a reasonable time frame if readmitted to CSUN. Students are strongly urged to meet with their CSUN academic advisor to discuss the requirements that must be completed in order to be readmitted to the University. When all requirements have been met, students may apply to the University for readmission.

4. Readmitted Under Academic Performance Agreement (APA): Students who have been academically disqualified, but who are readmitted to the University under terms of probation, are classified as readmitted under an APA. Students who are readmitted under an APA have registration holds and are not able to register for classes until they have received advisement. During advisement, the student and advisor examine the student’s progress toward improving academic status and set goals for the next semester. Declared majors typically receive advisement from the SSC/EOP Satellite in their College. Undecided students receive advisement in the ARC/EOP. Students who are readmitted under APA can enroll in a maximum of 13 units in a semester or Summer term. To request additional units, students must complete the Extra Unit Authorization form and obtain the signatures of the Director of their College SSC/EOP Satellite or ARC/EOP for Undecided or Undeclared majors and the Director Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies. Students in this status, whether they have 1 or 2 disqualifications, must fulfill all of the following requirements until they reach good standing: 1) earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA; 2) enroll in classes each semester; and 3) have in place a signed APA that details the academic progress that must be achieved to move the student toward completion of the Baccalaureate Degree within a designated time period. Students who are readmitted under an APA, but who fail to maintain continuous enrollment in classes each semester or who fail to achieve a 2.0 semester GPA,
revert back to disqualified status. They must reapply and be readmitted to the University as a previously disqualified student in order to be eligible to enroll in classes through the regular enrollment process. See section below titled Readmission of Previously Disqualified Students. Academic disqualification is a permanent notation in a student’s academic record and has serious consequences that can impact attainment of a Baccalaureate Degree. The consequences of academic disqualification depend upon whether it is the first, second or third disqualification that the student receives.

**Categories of Disqualification**

**First Disqualification:** Any student whose cumulative GPA is below a 1.0 will be disqualified immediately without first being placed on probation. In addition, students who were on probation the previous semester are placed in disqualified status if at the end of the next semester either their cumulative total or CSUN GPA falls below the GPA listed for each class level (See Table under Academic Standing item 3. “Disqualified Status”). Students who receive a first disqualification will not be eligible to enroll at CSUN through the regular enrollment process for at least 1 semester. They will need to apply for readmission as a previously disqualified student by posted deadlines. Disqualified students can enroll in Open University through CSUN’s Tseng College for up to 24 units (including Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer courses), or can take transferable courses at other institutions. In order to gain readmission, students will be expected to demonstrate ability to succeed in university-level classes. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html.

**Second Disqualification:** Students who receive a second disqualification are not permitted to continue to enroll in CSUN courses through the regular enrollment process for at least 1 semester. An application for readmission as a previously disqualified student by posted deadlines is required. Students disqualified for a second time can enroll in Open University through CSUN’s Tseng College for up to 24 units (including Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer courses) or can take transferable courses at other institutions. In order to gain readmission, students will be expected to demonstrate ability to succeed in university-level classes. Readmitted students are subject to all of the regulations described above in the section titled “Readmitted Under APA.” Students who fail to earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA will receive a third disqualification. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html.

**Third Disqualification:** Students who receive a third disqualification are not eligible to seek readmission to the University for a minimum of 5 years after the final day of the semester during which they received the third disqualification. Students who have been disqualified 3 times may not retake classes or finish an Incomplete contract for the purpose of raising grades to avoid a third disqualification.
Disqualification for Second Baccalaureate Students

First Disqualification: Students who are pursuing a second baccalaureate degree and who receive a first disqualification will not be eligible to enroll at CSUN through the regular enrollment process for at least 1 semester. They will need to apply for readmission as a previously disqualified student by posted deadlines. Disqualified second baccalaureate students can enroll in Open University through CSUN’s Tseng College for up to 9 units (including Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer courses), or can take transferable courses at other institutions. In order to gain readmission, students will be expected to demonstrate ability to succeed in university-level classes in the second baccalaureate field. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html.

Second Disqualification: Second baccalaureate students who receive a second disqualification are not eligible to seek readmission to the University for a minimum of 5 years after the final day of the semester during which they received the second disqualification. Second baccalaureate students who have been disqualified 2 times may not retake classes or finish an Incomplete contract for the purpose of raising grades to avoid a second disqualification.

Academic Reinstatement to the University after a Third Disqualification

Reinstatement for Undergraduates
Five years from the final day of the semester during which the student received a third disqualification, the student may reapply to the University during the appropriate application filing period. The student must provide evidence that demonstrates acquired skills or achievements that support a successful return to the University. Reinstated students are readmitted under an APA and are subject to all of the regulations that apply to students in this status. Students who fail to earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA will receive a final disqualification and will be given no further opportunities for readmission at CSUN. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html.

Reinstatement for Second Baccalaureate Students
Five years from the final day of the semester during which the student received a second disqualification the student may reapply to the University during the appropriate application filing period. The student must provide evidence that demonstrates acquired skills or achievements that support a successful return to the University. Reinstated students are readmitted under an APA and are subject to all of the regulations that apply to students in this status. Students who fail to earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA will receive a final disqualification and will be given no further opportunities for readmission at CSUN. For admission deadlines, see www.csun.edu/anr/AdmissionStatus.html.

Procedures (if applicable):
Second baccalaureate students impacted by the policy will be notified using the existing process and timeline in place for undergraduate students.

Summary of Supporting Reasons:
An official academic standing policy does not currently exist for second baccalaureate students. This revision formalizes campus practice and provides clear guidelines for the campus community.