

Rationale for Proposal for Change in Academic Renewal Policy

1. Identify the key Issue, novel situation, challenge, problem, etc.

During Fall 2024 ASCCC Plenary, one of the resolutions called local/district Academic Senates to [Investigate Academic Renewal Policies](#).

2. Provide underlying rationale for addressing the issue.

- The minimum GPA in Title 5 is 2.0 where KCCD sets the GPA at 2.5.
- Title 5 requires a minimum unit count of satisfactory work but does not list a specific count. KCCD requires 18. A unit minimum of 12 is used by other colleges.
- Title 5 requires a maximum unit count of coursework to be alleviated but does not list a specific count. KCCD lists 20 units. A unit maximum of as high as 30 units is used by other colleges.
- Title 5 requires an elapsed length of time be identified but does not list a specific count. KCCD requires a minimum of 2 years. As low as 6 months is used by other colleges.
- BP calls for the student to initiate and complete the process whereas AP calls for a Counselor to initiate and complete the process. The BC form indicates only a student needs to sign (following BP instead of AP). AP and BP should be consistent.

3. Include any relevant background and institutional history.

- [Title 5 Language about Academic Renewal](#)
- [BP 4240 on Academic Renewal](#)
- [AP 4240 on Academic Renewal](#)
- [A&R Academic Renewal Information](#)
- [A&R Forms](#)

4. Anticipate opposing arguments.

Current policy and procedures are acceptable.

5. Articulate possible solution(s), highlighting support for the most desirable outcome.

Change BP 4240 Language to:

Previously-recorded unsatisfactory academic performance may be disregarded if it is not reflective of a student's demonstrated ability. The District Chancellor shall establish procedures that provide for academic renewal.

Students may petition for academic renewal of unsatisfactory academic performance under the following conditions:

- Students must have achieved a grade point average of at least **2.5-2.0** in **18-12** units; and

- At least ~~2 years 6 months~~ must have elapsed since the coursework to be removed was completed.

The student shall initiate the request for academic renewal via written petition to the respective college's Chief Instructional Officer or designee.

Change AP 4240 Language to:

Students may petition for academic renewal of unsatisfactory academic performance under the following conditions:

- Students must have achieved a grade point average of at least ~~2.5-2.0~~ in ~~18~~ 12 units; and
- At least ~~2 years 6 months~~ must have elapsed since the coursework to be removed was completed.

Up to ~~20~~ 30 units of coursework may be eliminated from consideration in the calculation of the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Specific courses and/or categories of courses that are exempt from academic renewal must be described. Academic renewal actions are irreversible. When academic renewal procedures permit previously-recorded substandard coursework to be disregarded in the computation of a student's grade point average, the student's permanent academic record should contain an accurate record of all coursework to ensure a complete and accurate record of academic history.

Academic renewal procedures may not conflict with the respective college's obligation to retain and destroy records or interfere with the instructor's obligation to determine a student's final grade.

Each college Counseling and Advising and Admissions and Records departments are responsible for implementing this procedure. Students requesting academic renewal ~~must~~ **should** meet with a counselor first to file a Petition for Academic Renewal. The Counseling Faculty Member will review the student's academic record, ~~and~~ determine eligibility. ~~and~~ **The student shall** complete and submit the form to the Admissions and Records ~~o~~Office. Once the Admissions and Records ~~o~~Office processes the form, the transcript will be updated, and the student will be notified of such action.

Change Academic Renewal Policy Form to:

A maximum of ~~20~~ 30 units of substandard academic grades (D, F, **NP**, and NC) taken at Bakersfield College which are not reflective of a student's present demonstrated ability

may be disregarded in the computation of the Grade Point Average if all of the following conditions exist:

1. At least ~~two years~~ 6 months have elapsed since the course work to be disregarded was recorded.
2. At least ~~18~~ 12 units of satisfactory course work (~~2.5-2.0~~ GPA) have been completed subsequent to the course work to be alleviated.
3. The student petitions in writing stating the reasons for requesting academic renewal.
4. The student states in the petition the specific courses to be considered under the academic renewal policy.
- ~~5.—Reason statement is required below and will not be processed unless completed.~~

If approved, the substandard work will be disregarded in the computation of the Grade Point Average and an annotation made on the permanent record. The permanent academic record shall remain a true and complete academic history and the course work disregarded under this policy will remain on the permanent record.

Academic renewal may not be used to raise the GPA in order to qualify for graduation with honors. Academic renewal may not be applied to courses which have been used to meet graduation, certificate, and certification requirements, or classes that have been repeated. Return completed form to the Admissions & Records Office.