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Academic Probation Terminology Change

RES 222315

RESOLVED: That the term “Academic Probation” will be changed to “Academic Notice”.
for notifying students about their academic performance.

RATIONALE: Efforts towards assisting student persistence necessitates attention to how language use and the impact of word choice is internalized and resonates in official messages that students receive about their academic performance. Research shows that students placed on “Academic Probation” are less likely to be retained, even when compared to students with similar GPAs. “Academic Probation” carries a negative connotation, particularly as associated with criminal activity. Using a term with a less negative connotation, such as “Academic Notice”, will reduce stigmatization of these students and has been reported to lead to an increase in retention of students placed on this status.

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Sent to the President February 24, 2023

Signed by the President February 24, 2023