PROPOSED CHANGE TO RIVERSIDE REGULATION R6.1

PRESENT

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English composition. Students must demonstrate adequate proficiency in English composition by completing a one-year sequence of college-level instruction in English composition, normally English 1A-1B-1C, with an average grade of C or better and no grade lower than C-.

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Justification:

Currently page 70 of the catalog under “English Composition” includes this statement, “Students with an overall GPA under “C” in the ENGL 001A, ENGL 001B, ENGL 001C sequence will be required to repeat composition courses as necessary in order to meet the required “C” average minimum. It may be necessary to repeat one of more of ENGL 001A, ENGL 001B, ENGL 001C courses in which a grade of “C-” was earned in order to fulfill the three-quarter English Composition average of “C” or better. However, courses with a grade of “C-” cannot be repeated for credit to alter the transcript grade point average.”

This explanation statement seems unnecessarily complicated and difficult to monitor. Instead of retaking a failed course the next term, students wait until they have completed the entire sequence before retaking the failed course(s).

The change would also remove an apparent inconsistency in the catalog. Although the catalog claims “a grade of “C-” cannot be repeated for credit to alter the transcript grade point average,” page 46 of the catalog explains:

Repetition of courses not authorized to be taken more than once for credit is subject to the following conditions: A student may repeat only those courses in which a grade of “D,” “F,” or “NC” was received (except in the case of BSWT 001, BSWT 003, BSWT 003D, ENGL 001A, ENGL 001B, ENGL 001C, and ENGL 01SC in which a grade of “C-” may be repeated). Courses in which a grade a “D” or “F” has been earned may not be repeated on an S/NC basis. Repetition of a course more than once requires approval by the appropriate dean in all instances. Degree credit for a course will be given only once. When a course is repeated, only the most recently earned grade shall be computed in the GPA, up to a total of 16 units of repeated UC course work. In the case of further repetitions, the GPA shall be based on all grades assigned and the total units attempted.

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