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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
KUTZTOWN STATE COLLEGE
KUTZTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
November 9, 1970

SUBJECT: POLICY ON COMPUTING QUALITY POINT
AVERAGES FOR REPEAT COURSES

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Committee on Academic Affairs

At a recent meeting, the Committee on Academic Affairs passed the following policy change and now requests that the Senate consider its adoption as part of college policy:

THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROPOSES THAT, WHEN STUDENTS REPEAT COURSES IN WHICH THEY INITIALLY RECEIVED EITHER AN "F" OR A "D," THE NUMBER OF CREDITS BE COUNTED ONLY ONE TIME IN DETERMINING THE QUALITY POINT AVERAGE AND IN DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF CREDITS FOR GRADUATION. THE COMMITTEE FURTHER PROPOSES THAT REPEAT COURSES BE LIMITED TO THOSE IN WHICH STUDENTS RECEIVED "D" OR "F" AND THAT ANY ONE COURSE MAY BE REPEATED ONLY ONCE. THIS POLICY SHALL BE REVIEWED AT THE END OF THREE YEARS.

EXPLANATION:

According to current policy, if a student fails a course and, subsequently, repeats it, the credits when the course was passed as well as the credits when the course was failed are used in computing the quality point average.

Thus:	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>QUALITY POINTS</u>
Course A	- 3 S.H.	F	0
Course A (Repeat)	- 3 S.H.	B	9
Quality Point Average	-	9 ÷ 6	= 1.5

On the other hand, if a student receives a "D" in a course and, subsequently, repeats it, current policy counts credits attempted only once when computing quality point average. Thus:

	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>QUALITY POINTS</u>
Course A	- 3 S.H.	D	3
Course A (Repeat)	- 3 S.H.	B	9
Quality Point Average	-	9 ÷ 3	= 3.0

The proposed policy change gives the student an opportunity to improve his status considerably when repeating courses he failed - an opportunity which is denied him under present regulations.

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AVERAGES FOR REPEAT COURSES)

The restrictions on repeat courses are suggested as safeguards to prevent students from repeating courses for which they have already received adequate grades, or wasting everyone's time repeating the same course again and again.

A check of policies in other colleges reveals that the policy the Committee suggests is now used in a number of the other state colleges as well as a number of private institutions.

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