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1.7 A full-time undergraduate student is defined as one who is registered for at least 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term and eight hours in a 10-week summer semester. A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status. Only hours for which a student is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University can be used toward certification of enrollment.

Submitted by: Pam Reynolds, Office of Admissions and Records

Justification for Proposed Change:

Certification of enrollment is based on A&M enrolled hours only. Co-enrolled hours cannot be combined with A&M enrollment for certification purposes. This policy needs to be clearly stated in Student Rules - many of our students are approved for co-enrollment at Blinn or at Texas Tech and think these hours can be combined with those at Texas A&M for certification purposes.

(Faculty Senate deletions are indicated by double strikethrough)
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1.9 Undergraduates Registering for Graduate Courses

1.9.1 A senior undergraduate student with a cumulative grade point ratio of at least 3.0 or approval of his/her academic dean, is eligible to enroll in a graduate course and reserve it for graduate credit by filing a petition obtained from the student’s undergraduate college and approved by the course instructor, the student’s major department head, the dean of the college offering the course and the dean of the student’s undergraduate college.

1.9.2 An academically superior undergraduate student with a cumulative grade point ratio of at least 3.25 or approval of his/her academic dean, is eligible to apply graduate credit hours toward his or her undergraduate degree program by filing a petition obtained from the student’s undergraduate college and approved by the course instructor, the student’s major department head, the dean of the college offering the course and the dean of the student’s undergraduate college. Graduate credit hours used to meet the requirements for a baccalaureate degree may not be used to meet the requirements for a graduate degree.

1) Submitted by: Pam Reynolds, Office of Admissions and Records

Justification for Proposed Change:

Inclusion of the word "cumulative": Students, deans and departments have attempted to circumvent the GPR requirement for Undergraduate students registering for graduate courses by using term GPR, major GPR, or other partial GPR calculations to qualify an undergraduate student whose cumulative GPR is less than the required minimum.

2) Submitted by: Don Carter, Office of Admissions and Records

Justification for Proposed Change:
Inclusion of the words "approval of academic deans": A dean should be the best judge of the student's potential success in the requested course.
Refunds
Section 19, Pages 17 and 18

19.5 Refund Rule Required For Financial Aid Recipients:

19.5.1 If a refund of tuition, required fees and on-campus room and board is due a student who has withdrawn from the university and the student received Federal Title IV Assistance other than College Work-Study (CWS), part of the refund must be returned to the Title IV Program(s) involved, in compliance with federal regulations. After the amount of funds to be returned to Title IV Programs is determined, the remainder of the refund will first be returned to state and institutional programs from which funds were received, and any remaining funds would then go to the student.

19.5.2 Pro-rata refund for all first-time students—Federal regulations require a pro-rata refund calculation for all first-time Federal Title IV and certain state student assistance recipients who withdraw. The length of time during which a refund must be calculated is up to 60 percent of the semester. First-time students include freshmen, transfer and first-time professional and graduate students not previously enrolled in the university.

Submitted by:  Don Engelage, Student Financial Aid
Justification for Proposed Change:  Deletions were made in order for the rule to be accurate and to reflect current law.

Student Conduct Code  
Section 24, Pages 22-25

Conduct standards at the university are set forth in writing in order to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. These rules should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms.

24.1 Definitions. When used in this code:

24.1.1 the term “university” or “institution” means Texas A&M University.

24.1.2 the term “student” means any person admitted to the university, pursuing undergraduate, graduate or professional studies, whether full-time or part-time, and who is either currently enrolled or was enrolled the previous semester and registered for a future semester.

24.1.3 the term “university official” means any administrator, instructor, staff member (including graduate assistants, graduate/assistant/hall director and resident advisor) and other authorized individuals of the university.

24.1.4 the term “university premises” means buildings or grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled or supervised by the university.

24.1.5 the term “university-sponsored activity” means any activity on or off campus that is initiated, aided, authorized or supervised by the university, to include any student organization recognized by the university.

Submitted by: Danny Shaha and Kim Novak, Student Life
Justification for Proposed Change:

To be in line with the revised Clery Act (heretofore known as the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act), and because addressing violations in the areas covered under the proposed definition would allow for addressing behaviors that impact the campus community.
Rights in Student Conduct Proceedings
Section 26, Pages 26 and 27

26.1 The following rights apply to a student conduct proceeding that might result in expulsion, dismissal or suspension. Accused students subject to less severe sanctions may, at the discretion of the hearing officer, be afforded but are not guaranteed the following rights:

26.1.11 Right to make a nonintrusive record of the proceeding at the accused student’s own expense.

26.2 The following rights apply to the victim in student conduct proceedings:

26.2.7 Right to make a nonintrusive record of the proceeding at the victim’s own expense.

Submitted by: Danny Shaha and Kim Novak, Student Life, and revised by the Rules and Regulations Committee

Justification for Proposed Change:

Allows university to control manner used to make record of judicial proceedings (avoids videotaping, hiring stenographers, etc.)
34.1 Dining Halls Locations (Department of Food Services)

34.1.1 The conditions of a meal plan, including the number of times students are allowed to enter the dining center during a meal period, are dependent on the plan purchased and subject to terms as stated in current Food Services literature. (34.1.7 moved to the top as 34.1.1 as most important point; renumber remaining sections)

34.1.2 At the beginning of each semester, students who have signed up for a meal plan option will have their meal plans automatically validated if the request has been made through the regular registration process and fees have been paid. Students may buy or upgrade a meal plan with the assistance of the Food Services staff in the Meal Plan Office, located in the Pavilion. Students may also purchase additional meals beyond their current meal plan at the same per meal rate as their existing plan. Refunds follow the University’s schedule for Tuition and Fee Adjustments. Students may buy or upgrade a meal plan until the last two weeks of the semester or term by paying the appropriate fee at the Fiscal Office.

34.1.3 Meal plans are nontransferable from the owner. Lending a student ID card or temporary meal card to another individual for the purpose of obtaining meals is prohibited. The use of another student’s ID card will be considered theft and subject to disciplinary action.

34.1.4 Food and dining equipment should remain in dining locations unless specifically authorized through Department of Food Services’ programs or personnel. Removal of equipment other than that considered disposable will be viewed as theft. In addition, removal of food from dining centers is prohibited. Food or dining hall equipment shall not be taken from the dining halls.

34.1.5 Announcements made in the dining centers halls, except Duncan Dining Center Halls, require prior approval of the Director of Food Services.

34.1.6 Students participating in or encouraging disturbances in the dining locations halls will be subject to disciplinary action. These
Students will be required to straighten and clean up dining areas in which a disturbance has occurred. Students will be billed for the total cost of replacing items broken, damaged or destroyed as a result of mischievous conduct, carelessness and wanton destruction.

34.1.7 Only paying students and guests are permitted within dining centers except with permission of authorized dining center personnel. Nonpaying students or guests are not permitted to enter the dining halls except with permission of authorized dining hall personnel.

34.1.8 All advertising/soliciting, including table tents, within all Department of Food Services locations is subject to Student Rules, Section 39, Soliciting on Campus, as limited to recognized campus organizations and university-related events with prior approval of authorized personnel.

34.2 Aggie Bucks (Department of Student Financial Services)

34.2.1 Lost, stolen or misplaced cards must be reported immediately to 845-4611, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or 862-4884, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

34.2.2 The cardholder may be responsible for $50 or more resulting from unauthorized use of the card. Please refer to the Aggie Bucks initial disclosures form for complete details about cardholder liability.

34.2.3 Aggie Bucks balances will carry over from one semester to the next. Aggie Bucks accounts that remain inactive for six months will be charged a service fee of $3 per month, beginning with the seventh month and continuing through the 11th month or until account activity resumes. If, at the end of this 11-month period, there is still $15 or more in the account, it will be automatically refunded in full to the last known address. If the balance is less than $15, it will be forfeited and placed in an Aggie Bucks Scholarship Fund to be administered by the Department of Student Financial Aid.
Submitted by: Rhonda R. Kappler, Marketing Coordinator

Justification for Proposed Change:

Though they look extensive, proposed changes are intended to bring the copy up to current procedures and terminology for a clearer understanding by students.

Student Organizations
Section 41, Pages 32 and 33

41.2 Students selected, elected or appointed as officers (an officer is an individual in a leadership position as defined in the organization’s constitution) in officially recognized student organizations shall:

41.2.1 Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point ratio and at least a 2.00 grade point ratio a minimum grade point ration (GPR) as stated below and meet that minimum GPR in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours must have been taken for that semester. In one limited circumstance, summer hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least six hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s).

1.1.1.1 For undergraduate students, the minimum GPR is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for that the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least six credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s).

1.1.1.2 For graduate level students the minimum GPR is a 3.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least four hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least four credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s) unless fewer credits are required as they complete the final stages of their degree.
41.2.2 Be in good standing (see 27.1.4) with the university and enrolled:

41.2.2.1 in at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office.

41.2.2.2 at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.

41.2.3 Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in 41.2.1 and 41.2.2.

Submitted by: Tracey Forman, Student Life, and Kay Goldman, President, Graduate Student Council

Justification for Proposed Change:

During a constitutional update in the spring of 1999, Graduate Student Council found a number of discrepancies with this section of the rule as it applied to graduate students. In particular, the minimum GPR requirement and minimum number of registered hours is not consistent with university graduate student requirements.
Sexual Assault
Appendix XII, Pages 64 and 65

IV. Legal and Judicial Options

The survivor of an attempted or completed sexual assault or incidence of sexual abuse may choose to pursue the following legal and/or judicial options:

Seek Criminal Prosecution
Reporting a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault to the police does not mean that the survivor has to press charges. However, it does begin the legal process should the decision to prosecute be made at a later date. The sooner an assault is reported, the more likely valuable evidence can be collected. The sooner a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault is reported to the police, the more likely valuable evidence can be collected. Reporting a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault to the police begins the legal process toward prosecution. Because in Texas, once a report to police is made, the decision to prosecute lies with the county or district attorney, not the victim, reporting a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault to the police begins the legal process to prosecution. The sooner a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault is reported to the police, the more likely valuable evidence can be collected.

Submitted by: Deena Wallace, Office of General Counsel
Justification for Proposed Change:

In Texas, once a report to police is made, the decision to prosecute lies with the county or district attorney, not the victim.