ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ON ACADEMIC PROBATION

**Action:** Students who would normally be placed on First Disqualification for poor academic performance will now be required to participate in an accountability program, allowing them to delay First Disqualification while seeking support. Students in this category who elect to not participate in an accountability program will be automatically placed on first academic disqualification.

**Policies at Issue:** General Requirements and Academic Procedures (Catalog, section L)

L-2-a

At the end of a semester, undergraduate students who do not attain a UI cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 are placed on academic probation for the next semester of enrollment and are referred to the appropriate academic dean for advising. The effect of this probationary status is to serve notice that if a student's cumulative record at the end of the next semester in residence is unsatisfactory he or she will be disqualified and ineligible to continue at UI. Students in their first semester of college who achieve less than a 1.0 grade point average at the end of the semester will be placed on probation (see L-4-a).

**Reason for action:** Research has found that students are experiencing extenuating circumstances brought on by COVID-19 and there has been a significant increase in regulation L-2-a disqualifications. Midterm grade data for Fall 2021 semester indicates that students are still struggling and in need of additional support. Extenuating circumstances may include personal health, family health, technology challenges, or other issues. To allow students additional opportunity to recover from extenuating circumstances, the above changes have been proposed.