New 2.0 GPA now required for all UNCP students

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on academic probation are still eligible to attend classes on campus, but are not in good standing. Therefore, they can only attend a maximum of 13 semester hours.

At the end of the semester, students must have raised their cumulative GPA to 2.0 or earned a 2.3 GPA on at least 12 semester hours excluding freshman summer and PCC courses. If a student fails to meet either requirement they will be suspended for one semester. If a student does not meet the requirements during their probationary semester, they will be suspended for one semester and must apply for readmission after the suspension semester in order to come back to UNCP.

Students who fail to meet the GPA requirements following their return to campus after being suspended will be suspended for a full academic year. After which, students have the option to fill out a readmission application.

Students who fail to meet the GPA requirements after readmission follow a one year suspension will be suspended for three academic years.

UNCP will not accept any credits a student earns at another institution while on suspension.

Freshmen and transfer students who fail to meet the 2.0 GPA requirements during their first semester but earn between a 1.5 and 1.99 are placed on academic probation for one term and must develop a Success Contract with the Center for Academic Excellence and adhere to guidelines established, meet monthly with their academic adviser and attend a minimum of three academic success seminars offered by the Center for Academic Success.

Freshmen and transfer students who fail to meet the guidelines are suspended for one semester, and they must earn a minimum GPA of 2.3 or achieve good academic standing status at the end of their second semester. Failure to do so will result in a one year suspension.

However, if a freshman or transfer student earns less than a 1.5 GPA at the end of their first semester, they are placed on suspension for one semester. Students can appeal their suspension by appealing to the Suspension Appeals Committee at least 10 work days prior to the first day of classes of the semester that they wish to enroll.

Kissick said students can seek tutors and seminars free of charge through the Center for Academic Excellence to keep them from failing below the 2.0 requirement for their center for academic excellence.

“The best advice is to take all measures you can so that you do not fall below 2.0 GPA because once you do it is difficult to get back on track,” Kissick said.

Kissick added upper-classmen will be under the old policy until the spring of 2013, however, they must have a 2.0 GPA by the end of that semester or be placed on academic probation.

She said UNCP is working out a plan for students currently on academic probation.

By Kelly Mayo News Editor

The Office of Interna- tional Programs’ leader knows exactly what she wants for her department.

Sara Brackin, three years into being the office’s director, now takes on the responsibility for interna- tional programs. This is her dream job.

Brackin said that Provost and Vice Chancellor De’Ken Kitts asked her to lead the office after she returned from abroad in late July.

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Brackin said her title and duties will not be much different from those she has been completing over the last three years, but her re- sponsibilities will grow.

“There will be more meetings to go to. I will re- present the university in more ways. It’s a lot more work. The buck stops here, so to speak,” she said.

Brackin also said that since she no longer reports to Vice Chancellor James Callaghan, who led the uni- versity, she will be responsible for making more decisions.

Study abroad imbalance

Brackin said that her goals for International Pro- grams this year are:

• Increase awareness of study abroad opportunities on campus.
• Raise the number of international students who study at UNCP to 100 or more.
• Increase awareness of study abroad opportunities for faculty members.

Brackin said that 83 international students have been checked in to study at UNCP for the fall semester. According to Study Abroad Coordinator Robyn Deemer, five UNCP stu- dents are studying abroad this semester.

“Brackin said the number of students studying abroad “takes off” when faculty members lead programs in other countries in spring and summer.

Economic plans

Brackin said that activities and services offered by International Programs may have to settle for activi- ties closer to campus, but economic plans that the school is working on agreements with colleges in New Zealand, Australia and India.

“Economically speaking, Brackin said that UNCP has agreements with col- leges in Sweden, Germany, China, Vietnam, Korea and Japan. She also said that the school is working on agreements with colleges in New Zealand, Australia and India.

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Check it out Sept. 1 - Sept. 16

Sept. 6-7: Anxiety Screening; UC Mall from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Hosted by the Counseling and Testing Center.

Sept. 7: Be Brave, Get Fit! (Part 1); Jones Fitness Center at 6 p.m. Hosted by Residence Life.

Sept. 8: Recital: Shannon French (mezzo-soprano) and Seung-Ah Kim (piano); Moore Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9: Black and Gold Bash (Cookout); UC Lawn from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Hosted by A.C.E.

Sept. 10: Musician Preston Pugmine; UC Lounge at 10 p.m. Hosted by A.C.E.

Sept. 12: The Roommate Game; Pine Hall Multipurpose Room at 7 p.m. Hosted by Residence Life.

Sept. 14: Movie Night: The Roommate; UC Lounge at 9 p.m. Hosted by Residence Life and A.C.E.

Sept. 14: Be Brave, Get Fit! (Part 2); Jones Fitness Center at 6 p.m. Hosted by Residence Life.

Sept. 15: Free HIV Screening; Student Health Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Hosted by Student Health Services.

Sept. 15: Roommate Appreciate Night!; Belk Hall Lounge at 7 p.m. Hosted by Residence Life.

Sept. 15: Recital: Joanna Hersey (tuba) and Tracy Wig- gins (percussion); Moore Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16: Open Mic Night; UC Lounge, at 7:30 p.m. Hosted by A.C.E.

Sara Brackin, three years into being the office’s director, now takes on the responsibility for international programs.

“We want to be able to take them [international stu- dents] on cultural trips,” but may have to settle for activi- ties closer to campus, Brackin said.

“Work creatively. Offer more cost-effective activi- ties,” Brackin answered when asked what steps the office would take to coun- teract the budget cuts.

In the event of economic conditions, Brackin wants UNCP students to know what she and her co-work- ers do and to become inter- ested in studying abroad.

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For more about this program, by Kelly Mayo, please read "Sara Brackin: International Programs Director."