

Pharmacy Rules

31 October 1995

TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, November 13, 1995. Revised Academic Rules: College of Pharmacy

Background and Rationale:

The revised academic rules for the College of Pharmacy were considered and approved by the Academic Council for the Medical Center on March 28, 1995, and forwarded to the University Senate Council in early April. The Senate Council discussed the proposed guidelines on April 17 and forwarded them to the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee with a request for review. On October 2, the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee recommended approval of Pharmacy's "Academic Performance, Progress and Guidelines" with an effective date of Fall, 1995. The Senate Council accepted the recommendation of the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, with two minor changes. The effective date was changed to January, 1996, and a statement of the student's right to appeal was added.

The Proposal:

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, PROGRESS AND GUIDELINES

The Academic Performance Committees (APC) are charged with monitoring students' progress through the curriculum. The Committees regularly review (during and at the end of each semester) the performance of each student based on course grades and on written comments of each student's performance, both of which are shared with the student and are part of the student record. The APC for students in a particular year will consist of the course directors and laboratory instructors for that year plus a standing core of faculty. The APC will recommend an action appropriate to the particular student standing and record i.e. proceed to the next series of courses, promotion to the next year, graduation, probation, probation with remedial action, removal from probation, academic leave,

suspension, dismissal, or other action. Recommendations for graduation are made to the Dean and to the faculty since graduation requires approval by the faculty. All other recommendations are to the Dean. Students must be promoted to subsequent year standing by action of the APC. Promotion is not automatic, but must be earned based on appropriate performance and satisfaction of prior coursework. The APC may also recommend other actions including but not limited to adjustment of academic load, repetition of curriculum segments and participation in counseling sessions. Although the APC considers the overall record of the student in making decisions, the APC will rely heavily on the following general guidelines in making its recommendations:

1. All students are expected to earn a minimum grade of "C" in all courses. Students who fail to earn a minimum of "C" in any course will be placed on probation with remediation, be suspended or be dismissed from the College.
2. Students who fail to earn a minimum grade of "C" in any two required courses during the same semester, or who fail to earn a minimum grade of "C" in any course while on probation, will be suspended or dismissed from the College.
3. Students who do not satisfy the remediation requirements for probation will be suspended or dismissed from the College.
4. Students who satisfy the remediation requirements for probation will be removed from probation.

Because the College of Pharmacy is charged with the education and training of competent pharmacists and because competence must be assured not only in the fund of knowledge and technical abilities of the student, but also in their standards of personal and professional conduct, student progress is carefully monitored to certify that students have acquired appropriate knowledge, skills, behavioral characteristics and ethical principles. To this end students are responsible for conforming to all rules standards and regulations specified in such documents as the Health Science Students Professional Behavior Code, Behavior Standards in Patient Care, Student Rights and Responsibilities and standards detailed in the College of Pharmacy Bulletin. Review of such responsibility is vested with the APC which will seek recommendations from an advisory group composed of the APC core faculty and an equal number of student representatives. Academic rules will not be changed during a student's enrollment if and only if the student has continued to progress within the class of matriculation. Rules affecting leaves and standards of behavior may be changed with notice.

Students dismissed from the College of Pharmacy because of a recommendation from the Academic Performance Committee may petition readmission through the Academic Performance Committee. Students withdrawing from the College while in good academic standing may petition readmission through the Admissions Committee. Students expelled from the College because of violations of academic integrity are not

eligible for readmission.

Special Considerations.

1. The demands of the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum consume the entire efforts of students. Therefore upon acceptance to the program of study students are expected to devote their energies to the academic program. The College actively discourages employment while courses are in session and cannot take outside employment or activities into account when scheduling classes, examinations, reviews, field trips or individual course functions or special projects.
2. Due to curricular requirements course functions and/or examinations outside the normal Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM business hours time frame will occur.
3. Clinical responsibilities include evening and weekend work.
4. All College of Pharmacy students are subject to the rights, rules and regulations governing University of Kentucky students in all matters not specifically covered in Medical Center and College documents.

A student found guilty of committing any offense may appeal that finding through the Academic Ombud to the Appeals Board.

Effective Date: Spring Semester, 1996

Note: If approved, the proposal will be forwarded to the Rules Committee for codification.