SUBJECT: Governance and Organization
Policy 207.1 Academic Forgiveness/Fresh Start GPA Policy
Effective: Revised:

The Academic Forgiveness/Fresh Start option is available to degree-seeking students re-entering Montana State University – Great Falls College of Technology (MSUGF). This policy offers currently enrolled students a one-time, one-year window of opportunity to petition for Academic Forgiveness, allowing students who earlier had experienced academic difficulty to improve their academic standing and GPA.

To be eligible for Academic Forgiveness/Fresh Start GPA students must:

1. Be a former MSUGF student.
2. Return to the College after a minimum absence of five years.
3. Be currently enrolled at MSUGF.
4. Have not been previously awarded Academic Forgiveness at MSUGF.
5. Submit their request for Academic Forgiveness within one year of re-admittance and after showing a term GPA of at least 2.0 GPA in at least 6 credits.

A student, who is eligible for a Fresh Start GPA may petition only once. These petitions are considered on a case-by-case basis.

When the Fresh Start GPA is started, **ALL** previous grades and credits from a particular past semester or semesters earned at MSUGF will be excluded; a student may not select particular grades and credits within a semester to exclude while retaining others. Only MSUGF grades and credits will be excluded.

The Fresh Start GPA begins with the student's first semester of re-enrollment. The student's transcript will indicate where Fresh Start begins. The old grades will remain on the transcript; however, they may not be used to fulfill any graduation requirements.

The granting of Academic Forgiveness does not replace institutional financial aid policies governing Satisfactory Academic Progress or remove any financial aid obligation incurred for excluded coursework.

If a student has tuition/fees owed to the College, the granting of Academic Forgiveness does not remove that financial obligation.

The Academic Forgiveness/Fresh Start GPA Policy at MSU – Great Falls may transfer to other institutions. Students should check with the transfer institution regarding transferability.

Students wishing to petition for a Fresh Start GPA should contact Student Central or the Advising & Career Center to initiate the process.

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