

Credit standard set for financial aid

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Students eligible for federal financial aid must now meet certain minimum credit levels if they want to continue receiving NDSL, SEOG, Pell, GSL, PLUS financial assistance.

The federal government has imposed yet another restriction to aid recipients in the form of a "Satisfactory Academic Progress Standard." The standard has been implemented by the University specifying a minimum level of achievement to maintain eligibility for federal financial aid, said John Brugel, director of the Office of Student Aid.

The standard was adopted in response to a federal regulation stating that students receiving money under Title 4 programs

must continue to meet the requirements of satisfactory scholarship established by their college or university. In addition, students must now meet minimum credit level expectations.

Title 4 programs include Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, National Direct Student Loan, College Work Study and Guaranteed Student Loans.

Prior to the adoption of the standard, the University followed Section 54-52 of the "Academic Policies and Procedures for Undergraduate Students." This section states that a student will be dropped as a baccalaureate degree candidate if he has not earned enough cumulative credits and has a grade point deficiency.

Under the new standard, the

minimum acceptable total credits earned for full-time undergraduates is as follows: freshman year - 24 credits; sophomore year - 52 credits; junior year - 84 credits; and senior year - 120 credits.

Students should realize that this standard is a "statement of minimum achievement to maintain eligibility," Brugel said, not for graduation within 12 terms or eight semesters. This standard will also apply to semesters.

Previously, the federal government only required universities and colleges to have some type of standard and to follow it, Brugel said.

The standard is just a written version of what was "assumed to be academic policy," said Richard Grubb, senior vice president for Administration,

and a member of the President's Administration Policy Council, which approved the standard.

There were no real problems in approving the standard because it was worked on carefully with the Senate office, ensuring that it did not violate any standing University academic policy, Grubb said.

The regulations were approved by the President's Administrative Policy Council on Aug. 30 and put into effect Fall Term, Brugel said.

Grubb did not foresee any problem of students; continuing eligibility under the new standard, "I think most of our students are well above the minimum requirements of standard," he said.

An administrative review of a student's progress will be done

at the end of Spring Term, Brugel said. Academic progress will be judged on an annual basis because the "general pattern of progress" is more important than how a student did during the term.

The standard also applies to Associate degree candidates with minimum credits earned as follows: 23 during the first academic year, and 52 for the second year.

Graduate students receiving Title 4 funds must meet the following minimum earned credit standards for a master's degree; 24 during the first graduate year, and 48 for the second.

For a Doctoral degree, 24 credits must be earned in the first year; 48 in the second; 76 for the third; 96 in the fourth; and thesis work during the fifth.

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—Paul

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Merry Christmas
— from
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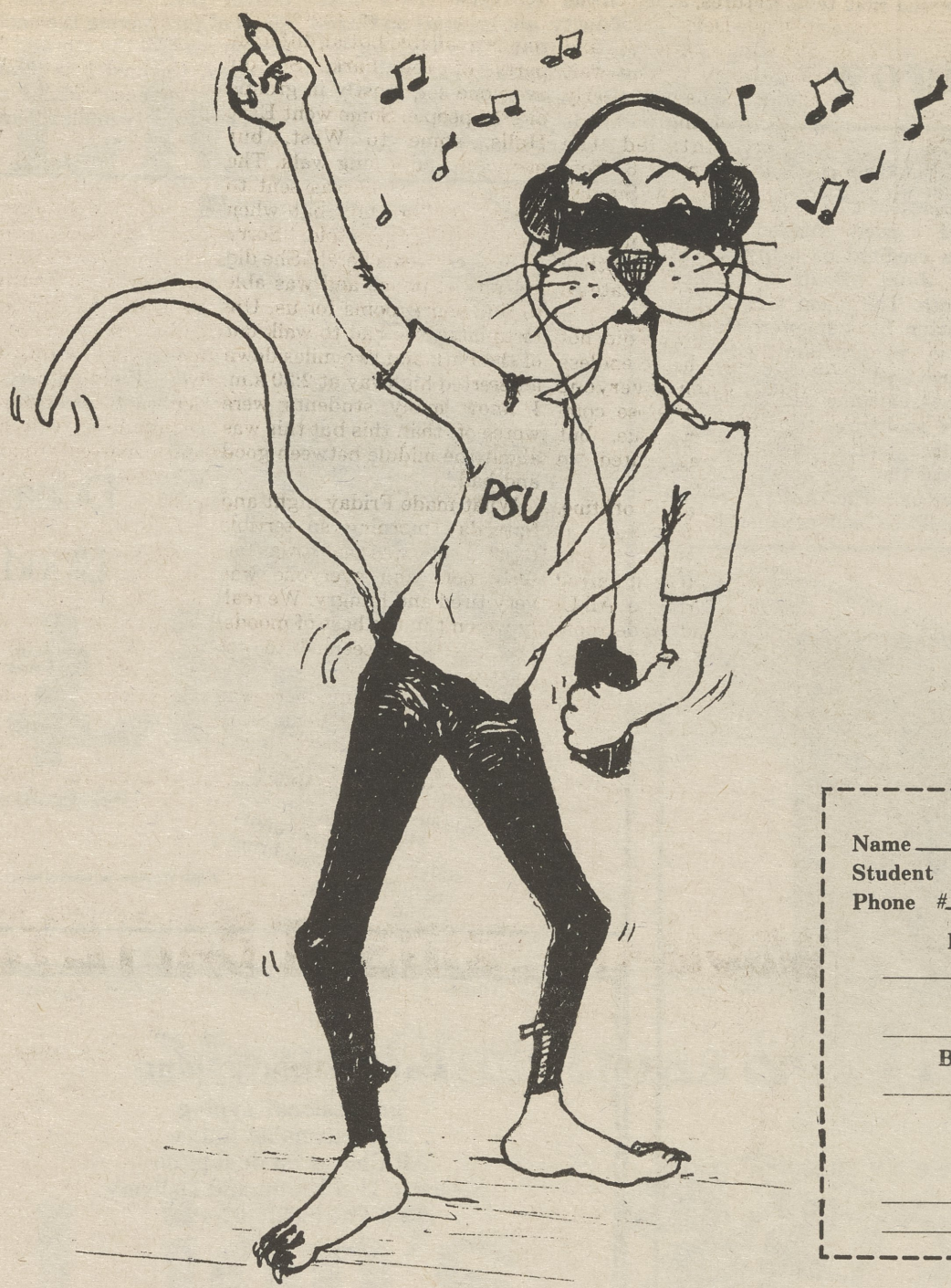
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