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I would like to propose to the faculty that we adopt Springfield’s unlimited repeat policy. By this I mean, unlimited repeats for D or F grades.  Some time ago, Springfield eliminated the requirement to have permission to repeat a course, except under very specific instances.  This streamlined the registration and advisement process for students, faculty and staff.

Current Policy:

A course in which a student has received a grade of D or F may be repeated unless such repetition is specifically prohibited or limited in the course description. Any subsequent repetition is made with the permission of the department head and division chair over the course to be taken. Each repletion of the course replaces the prior grade(s) in all computations. Each attempt to complete the course will remain on the transcript. A student who repeats a course in which a passing grade has been earned and then receives an F loses credit for the course.

With advance permission of the department head and division chair of the division in which the course is taken, a student may repeat a course in which a grade of C or better has been received.

I recommend:

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Here’s the background on why I am making the request:

The current repeat policy is very laborious on registration and records, SAAS (and all advisors), and students.  For each course that a student has repeated, registration & records has to review the student’s course history to confirm total number of repeats, and enter the permission in the system. If the repeat requires instructor permission, that adds another layer to the process.  And, I’ve never known an instructor to deny a request to repeat a course.  This makes me question why we require this extreme amount of work. I would estimate that revising this policy to allow unlimited repeats would eliminate at least 25% of the work load for R/R staff and SAAS during ASK week and registration times.

Thank you for your consideration.

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