

Academic Renewal Proposal

The Academic Senate of Cerro Coso Community College, supports the following proposal for revision of the Board Policy for Section 4C4E Academic Renewal (Title 5, Sections 55044).

Proposed:

A maximum of 20 units of substandard grades (“D” and “F” and “NP” grades), previously recorded, which are not reflective of a student’s present, demonstrated, ability may be disregarded for the purpose of determining the grade point average (GPA). This may be accomplished under the following conditions:

1. At least one year has elapsed since the course work to be disregarded was completed.
2. Following the most recent grade to be disregarded, a student must have *completed* a minimum of 12 units, at a regionally accredited institution, with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, and where more than 12 units have been completed, the student’s cumulative GPA (not including the grades to be disregarded) must be a 2.0 or higher.
3. With the assistance of a Cerro Coso Community College Educational Advisor or Counselor, the student must complete a petition for Academic Renewal, to be submitted to the Academic Petitions Committee.
4. The student must certify, in writing, that the past course work is substandard and not representative of present scholastic ability and level of performance, as demonstrated by the G.P.A attained subsequent to the grades to be disregarded.

If approved, the substandard work will be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average and an annotation made on the permanent record. The permanent academic record shall remain a true and complete academic history and the coursework disregarded under this policy will remain on the permanent record. Students should be aware that all course work is subject to reevaluation by each subsequent college attended.

Academic renewal may not be used to raise the GPA in order to qualify for graduation with honors. Academic renewal may not be applied to courses which have previously been used to meet certificate, degree, and/or transfer certification requirements.

If the substandard course work has been taken at another college, the student should make every effort to determine whether that college has an academic renewal (“forgiveness”) policy covering substandard course work. If the prior institution does not permit academic renewal, and inclusion of the substandard work would prevent completion, the Academic Petitions Committee will consider a petition to exclude the substandard grades for purposes of calculating the cumulative GPA for graduation. The petition in this case will have no effect on the transcript but will allow the graduation evaluation to note the omission of the substandard grades for purposes of computing the final GPA.