Action of Committee on Student Scholastic Standing – Probation with Hold

All students at the School of Engineering are required to maintain both the cumulative GPA and the major GPA at 2.0 or better, to actively pursue an engineering major, and to make progress towards graduation. After reviewing your academic record, including your GPA, the Scholastic Standing Committee has placed you on: Academic Probation with a Registration Hold.

If you are not able to make substantial improvement in your academic performance in fall 2017, Academic Probation will lead to a Dismissal, beginning January 2018. If this action is primarily the result of temporary grades (TF, TD, TZ, etc.) or late grades, contact a dean in the Office of Academic Services to see if the probation can be rescinded.

REGISTRATION HOLD: You are required to see a dean or advisor so that you can create a plan to improve your GPA. We have advising appointments for you over the summer and in the 1st week of the fall semester: http://soe.rutgers.edu/oas/advising.

PROBATION OPTIONS: Students on Academic Probation with a Hold will be given 3 options for fall 2017. You must post the option you choose by September 12th in Sakai - SOE Probation-Hold FA17 in Tests/Quizzes. Please note that you must return your response via Sakai and see a dean/advisor.

OPTION 1. Continue engineering study in the upcoming semester. For this option, you must take no more than 13cr, including 9 credits of required engineering, math, and science courses with grades of C or better. Economics, English Writing, and other courses in H/SS subjects do NOT count in the 9cr minimum.

-Removal from Probation: by the end of the fall 2017 semester, if you raise your cumulative GPA and major GPA to 2.0, you will be removed from academic probation.

-Probation Continued: if you are not able to raise your cumulative and major GPA above 2.0 by the end of the fall, but do earn at least a semester GPA of 2.3 or higher, you will be continued on probation for another semester. However, if you will have had 3 continuous semesters of probation, you will be dismissed.

-Dismissal: failure to meet at least one of the above two conditions will result in academic dismissal from Rutgers University after the fall 2017 semester.

OPTION 2. Prepare to transfer out of the SoE. In fall 2017, you will take non-engineering courses to prepare for your transfer. With this option, you may take a maximum of 15cr, and you may not take any engineering courses.

-Transfer Eligibility: to be eligible to transfer, you must raise your cumulative GPA to at least 2.0 by taking courses in non-engineering subjects, and you must have Expository Writing 01:355:101 completed with a C or higher. For more information, see: http://soe.rutgers.edu/oas/transfer-out

-Transfer Application: you must submit a school-to-school transfer application before December 1st at http://admissions.rutgers.edu/SchoolToSchool.

-Non-Engineering Eligibility: this option is only available for one semester, which means if you are not admitted to another school at Rutgers for the spring 2018 semester, then you will be dismissed from Rutgers University at the end of Fall 2017. Carefully select your courses and course load.
OPTION 3: You can choose to withdraw from the university before the fall 2017 semester begins. For this option, you must make arrangements to officially withdraw from the university by completing a Withdrawal form (available on Sakai - SOE Probation-Hold FA17, Resources) to the Office of Academic Services by September 12, 2017. If you decide to return to RU-SoE later, you will be held to the same requirements in option 1 or 2.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: We want to see you succeed! Several factors may be involved in improving your scholastic standing. Deans and advisors are available to meet with you throughout the summer and fall semester.

Scheduling and Advising: Your fall schedule may need amending to adhere to the credit and course requirements. You will hear from an advisor or dean this summer if you need changes made. You must meet with us twice to discuss your fall progress and academic planning.

Attendance, Participation, and Absences: In order for you to devote adequate time and effort to your education, you should curtail social, extracurricular, and employment activities. You are expected to attend classes regularly, and to report any extended class absence to the Office of Academic Services within three school days of that absence.

Tutoring: SoE has group and individual tutoring available for engineering, math, and science courses. The online application can be found at http://soe.rutgers.edu/osd. The MSLC (ARC 3rd floor) also hosts group sessions for math and science: http://mslc.rutgers.edu/officeHours.shtml. The key is to sign up early in the semester.

Developmental Course: SoE offers a course called Methods of Inquiry for Engineers (MoI-440:107) that may be useful for you. MoI is designed to help students raise their grades in other courses. The course nurtures the development of a system of critical thinking strategies by exploring various studying, test taking, problem solving, life skills, and time management techniques. MoI is a 3E-credit course, meaning it counts toward full-time status and the grade appears on the transcript, but the grade is not calculated in your GPA and does not fulfill any graduation requirement. Sign-up for it if you are interested.

Non-academic Factors: Oftentimes, there are non-academic reasons that can affect a student's ability to do well in school. Based on your needs, you may find it helpful to reach out to CAPS (Counseling ADAP & Psychiatric Services) at 848-932-7884 or the Office of Disability Services at 848.445.6800.

Sincerely,
Rutgers-School of Engineering
Committee on Student Scholastic Standing