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Monitored Academic Status Policy

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I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

A student will be designated to monitored academic status (MAS) when the student's academic record no longer meets the minimum standards set by the Sanford School of Medicine.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

A student will be designated to monitored academic status (MAS) when the student's academic record no longer meets the minimum standards set by the Sanford School of Medicine. A monitored academic status designation is not included in a student's academic record, including the MSPE, and allows the student an opportunity to address their academic deficiency to reduce the risk of being placed on academic probation.

The following list of academic requirements will warrant a designation of monitored academic status:

- Being required to take 2 remediation finals in a semester during Pillar 1
- A grade of unsatisfactory in a Pillar 1 course or first semester Pillar 2
- CBSE2 score of < 30 or CBSE3 < 53

- Failure to pass the CCSE in Pillar 2
- Failure of 4 or more NBME subject exams after the 1st attempt in Pillar 2
- Failure of NBME subject exams after the 2nd attempt in Pillar 2
- Failure to pass UMSLE Step 1 or 2 Exam
- A grade of D or lower in a Pillar 2/3 course or clerkship
- Failure of the summative Pillar 2 OSCE
- 2 Unprofessionalism reports in a semester

III. PROCEDURES

Process

- The assigned Assessment & Evaluation Specialist or course director will notify the respective Pillar Director of failure of exam, course, or remediation.
- The Pillar Director will notify the student of their status. The Pillar Director also will contact the SSOM academic support members. Pillar 1 notifications include the Learning Specialist, the Associate Dean of Medical Education, and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs. Pillar 2 notifications include all Pillar 1 individuals, as well as the Regional Campus Dean and the Pillar 2 LIC Advisor. For Pillar 3, the Associate Dean of Medical Education, Associate Dean of Medical student Affairs, and the respective Pillar 3 coach will be notified.
- During this time, assigned academic support members will report to the Pillar Director regularly concerning the student's progress.

Once a student is placed on monitored academic status, the student will be required to:

- If the MAS occurs during Pillar 1 or 2, the student will meet with the learning specialist and develop an individualized learning plan.
- If the MAS occurs during Pillar 2, then the student will meet with the regional campus dean for Pillar 2.
- If the MAS occurs during Pillar 3, then the student will meet with their assigned coach for Pillar 3.
- Students who fail to complete the above within 3 weeks of being placed on monitored academic status will have a professionalism report filed with Student Affairs by the Pillar Director.

Activities During MAS placement

While a student is placed on monitored academic status, the student will not be excused from course activities including remediation to attend academic conferences or other professional learning

opportunities. They will be required to obtain approval from Student Affairs to hold offices in student governance or student interest groups. Students will be required to get approval from Pillar Director and Student Affairs to participate in additional extracurricular activities such as conducting research and participating in the Coyote Clinic. Students that are enrolled in Scholarship Pathways will need to meet with the Scholarship Pathways director to continue in the program. The medical school acknowledges the importance of these opportunities for students, but successfully passing courses takes precedence.

Removal from Monitored Academic Status

To be removed from monitored academic status, the student must successfully pass the referenced exam and/or retake a failed course with a Satisfactory grade or a grade of C or higher. The Pillar Director in consultation with Associate Deans of Student Affairs and Medical Education will determine whether the student is to be removed or continue with a monitored academic status. Information can be shared between the Pillar Directors regarding whether students were previously on monitored academic status. The Pillar Director will notify a student when they have been removed from their monitored academic status.

IV. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

Not applicable.