



# ACADEMIC STANDING POLICY

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## **Context:**

The organization, from time to time and in accordance with the NSCC SA Common Constitution, may set policies and procedures that govern the Campus Student Association's actions and activities. These policies will be presented to the Student Association Students' Council for ratification by a vote of the members.

## **Policy Background:**

According to Article 3, Section 1 of NSCC SA Common Constitution as well as Section 5, 1 (d) of the SA Elections policy, students must maintain good academic standing in order to serve on the Student Association Executive Committee.

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## **Section 1 - PURPOSE**

To ensure all elected and appointed members of the NSCC Student Association Executive committee maintain good academic standing throughout their term of office and are supported in their efforts to maintain a healthy balance between academics and SA activities.

## **Section 2 – DEFINITION OF GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING**

- 1) For the purposes of this policy, “good academic standing” shall mean that the elected or appointed student leader in question:
  - a) has obtained the necessary grades sufficient to continue in their program of study; and
  - b) is not on academic or behaviour probation.

## **Section 3 – PROCESS FOR CONFIRMING ACADEMIC STANDING**

- 1) All students wishing to run for an elected position with the Student Association must be deemed “in good academic standing” prior to being confirmed as an eligible candidate.
- 2) All students wishing to apply for an appointed position with the Student Association must provide proof that they are “in good academic standing” at the time of hiring.
- 3) As a condition of involvement with the Student Association, the academic standing of all appointed and elected student leaders will be confirmed by the Manager, Student Engagement and Awards at the end of the first academic semester and at other times as deemed necessary.



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- 4) Should the elected or appointed student leader not be considered “in good academic standing” the Manager, Student Engagement and Awards will put the student leader on suspension until such time as the academic standing can be addressed.

### **Section 4 – PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING ACADEMIC STANDING**

The following procedure will be adhered to should an elected or appointed student leader no longer be “in good academic standing”:

- 1) The student leader in question will be advised of their status by the Manager, Student Engagement and Awards.
- 2) The student leader will be put on academic-related suspension from their position until such time as their standing can be addressed by Student Life staff and/or SA Advisor.
- 3) Any extenuating circumstances that could affect a student’s overall standing such as outstanding academic appeals, deferrals, personal illness, etc will be considered.
- 4) Should the Student Life staff member be unable to find sufficient cause for a student leader’s insufficient academic standing, the student leader in question will be asked to resign their position, effective immediately.