

**CAMPUS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY**

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# Policy on Student Leadership Eligibility

Policy Owner: **Morris Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs**Effective Date: **January 2016**Policy Contact: **Sandy Olson-Loy, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs****Policy Statement**

Degree-seeking students who maintain enrollment in eight (8) or more credit hours in residence, are in good academic standing and making satisfactory academic progress may run, apply for and hold student leadership positions. Failure to meet these standards does not preclude a student's membership or participation in a student organization, only in holding leadership roles.

Eligibility for first year students selected for leadership roles (i.e. Hall Governance, MCSA's First Year Council, etc.) will be reviewed in their second semester of enrollment.

Students who become ineligible for a leadership position will be notified by the Director of Student Activities or Athletic Director following a review following the tenth class day of each semester. Students who have a cumulative or single semester GPA of below 2.250 will receive an activities alert and will be asked to meet with the Director of Student Activities or Athletic Director. The purpose of this meeting is to address concerns, assure students have knowledge of and access to support services and develop a plan to improve their academic performance.

Students who become ineligible for a leadership position by failing to meet the requirements for good academic standing or making satisfactory academic progress may appeal to the Director of Student Activities or Athletic Director as appropriate. When the student making the appeal is advised by the Director, an alternate representative from Student Affairs will hear the appeal. Grounds for appeal include but are not limited to fewer than eight credits in the final semester of enrollment, extenuating non-academic circumstances, or academic accommodations. Any open positions will be filled through the method appropriate to the position.

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**REASON FOR POLICY**

The University of Minnesota, Morris values student leadership and engagement as important contributors to student learning and development, as well as key components of UMM's distinctive shared governance and campus life. The campus is committed to creating an environment for student leadership that recognizes, supports, and enriches student academic success. This policy aligns student organizations with other similar leadership expectations already in place within UMM and the University of Minnesota, system.

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**PROCEDURES**

There are no procedures associated with this policy.

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**FORMS/INSTRUCTIONS**

There are no forms associated with this policy.

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## APPENDICES

### Contacts

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### DEFINITIONS

**Student Leadership position.** This policy applies to leadership roles within student organizations and athletic teams.

**Good academic standing.** Students who are meeting scholastic academic standards; students who are not on academic probation or suspension.

**Satisfactory academic progress.** Demonstrated by GPA and credit completion ratios as defined by federal financial aid regulations.

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### HISTORY

This policy was developed by the UMM Student Affairs Committee. It will become effective the year following its approval by the University of Minnesota, Morris Campus Assembly.

The policy was approved at the Morris Campus Assembly meeting on March 24, 2015