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INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

GRADE CHECKS TUTORIAL

To promote academic excellence, the VP of Academic Excellence should be mandating 2-3 grade checks per semester. In a traditional semesterly schedule, it is recommended to do a grade check 2-3 weeks before midterms, 2 weeks after midterms, and 1-2 weeks before finals. Performing well-timed grade checks gives the officer the best chance to provide resources to chapter members whose GPA is struggling. This can come in the form of study hours, tutors, increased lab time, or other practices.

For members of the fraternity that are entering the semester on Academic Probation or are deemed to be at risk of academic penalties, we recommend that the VP of Academic Excellence works with these brothers to set a goal GPA. For those on Academic Probation, the Academic Review Committee should help them establish this goal.

If a member who has traditionally performed well starts to display warning signs in his grade checks, the VP of Academic Excellence can mandate different forms of assistance to help him get his GPA up before the semester ends, ideally circumventing probation for the member all-together.

HOW TO TRACK GRADE CHECKS?

Name	Previous Semester GPA	Major	Goal GPA	Academic Assistance	Key
Henry Ford	4.00	Entrepreneurship		4.00 N/A	Academic Probation
J.P. Morgan	2.46	Accounting		3.00 10 study hours	Provisional Probation
Andrew Carnegie	2.25	Civil Engineering		2.75 10 study hours, 4 of which with Tutor	Watch List
John D Rockefeller	2.58	Geology		2.90 3 hours of lab time	Good Standing
Mark Twain	3.24	Journalism		3.45 N/A	
Cornelius Vanderbilt	2.83	Business Administration		3.25 2 study hours	

The screen shot above is a great way to keep track of member’s academic standing.

Previous Semester GPA: This lets you know the performance of each brother immediately. For transfer or high school students, use their cumulative GPA from their previous institution. Being able to easily access their previous GPA will let you know what academic assistance may be required.

Major: Different majors have different challenges. Listing the major is generally a good practice and enables the VP of Academic Excellence to gather resources specifically for that member’s field of study.

Goal GPA: A goal GPA is a great tool for members to get the chance to practice self-accountability. After the first-grade check is performed, this metric is a great thing to reflect on. It also makes members be realistic – not everyone will get all As. Creating challenging, yet realistic goal GPAs is very important.

Academic Assistance: Whether it is study hours, lab time, tutoring, etc. this column is meant to keep track of what each member needs to be doing to reach their goal GPA. Not every member will require assistance but keeping track of that will let you know which members are strong in certain majors and can prove valuable resources to less academically gifted members.

Key: A tool based on the probation guidelines laid out by IHQ to organize members into four different academic tiers.