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**Policy Name:** Academic Forgiveness

**Policy Number:** None

**Functional Area(s) Responsible:** Academic & Student Affairs; Enrollment Management

**Owner(s) of Policy:** Academic & Student Affairs

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**Policy Statement:**

The Academic Forgiveness Policy is designed to allow students who previously accrued a transcript with a substantial number of grades below a “C-” to be ‘forgiven’ from their current academic Grade Point Average (GPA) if they meet the following requirements:

- 1) Matriculated students returning to Finger Lakes Community College after an absence of six consecutive terms, or who can show a reason for early consideration.
- 2) Have completed one term at FLCC with grades above C-.

If a student is granted academic forgiveness, the transcript will be modified as follows:

- Courses with grades of D+, D, D-, F, and U will remain on the transcript to reflect an accurate academic history, but the grades will no longer be calculated into the academic GPA, and the credit would no longer count towards graduation requirements.
- Grades of S (satisfactory) or C- or better will not be calculated into the academic GPA but the credit will count toward graduation requirements.
- All prior coursework will continue to be considered when determining Financial Aid eligibility.

**Reason(s) for Policy:**

Finger Lakes Community College recognizes the fact that some students may attend the College prior to being ready to pursue a college education. The impact of attending prior to being ready, or changing majors, can negatively impact a student’s academic GPA and be a poor representation of their academic skill set.

**Applicability of Policy:**

None

**Definitions:**

None

**Related Documents:**

None

**Procedures:**

1. Matriculated students returning after six consecutive terms, or more, should submit a request for Academic Forgiveness to the Academic Exceptions Committee through the website application.
2. The Academic Exceptions Committee will determine if that academic forgiveness is in the best interest of the student.
3. Once a determination has been made related to forgiveness status, the student will be notified of the outcome. The Registrar will coordinate adjustment to the transcript if appropriate.
4. Only one academic forgiveness period will be awarded to any student.
5. Academic Forgiveness should not be used for the purposes of scholarship, maintaining GPA or admissions purposes.
6. In rare cases, the Academic Exceptions Committee may determine a matriculated student's request can be made before six consecutive academic terms have elapsed.

**Forms/Online Processes:**

None

**Appendix:**

None