

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 95-03

WHEREAS student performance in an undergraduate course may, because of various personal or external factors, not reflect the student's true ability, and

WHEREAS withdrawing from a course may not be an option because of restrictions of financial support and other constraints, and

WHEREAS LSU students may be at a disadvantage in applications for graduate programs or job opportunities when competing against students from institutions that permit the first grade from repeated courses to be suspended,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty of LSU adopts a limited policy of allowing suspension of first grade of repeated courses, and that, as the expression of that policy, the following statement will replace paragraph one under "Credit for Repeated Courses." p. 49 of the current Louisiana State University General Catalog.

Under the following conditions, a student may repeat a course, suspend the first grade made in that course, and have only the second grade used in calculating the grade point average. When a course is repeated the second grade will be used, even when lower than the first.

- a. A student may choose this option for a maximum of nine hours of work in courses numbered at the 1000 and 2000 levels only.
- b. The grade suspension option is available only for courses in which the student's grade is less than a "C."
- c. A course may not be repeated if the student has completed another course for which it is a prerequisite.
- d. A student who repeats a course must do so within one academic year following the initial attempt or the first time the course is next offered.
- e. A student is eligible to choose this option only until he or she has earned 60 hours of college credit.
- f. A student may choose to apply this option only to courses taken at the LSU-Baton Rouge campus and may only retake the courses on the LSU-Baton Rouge campus.

All instances of courses repeated during the collegiate study, and all grades earned in those courses, are reported on the LSU transcript. The transcript will report two GPAs: an absolute GPA (AGPA) based on all courses taken and grades earned, and the GPA which takes into account courses repeated under the grade suspension policy. Both GPAs will be clearly identified, and the first grade of a repeated course will be appropriately marked on the transcript.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy will only apply to courses attempted after approval of this resolution, and that only the absolute GPA can be used in determination of scholarships, honors, or awards.