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Brief Description of Change:

Under 'Cumulative Grade Point Average', change the wording to:

Cumulative GPA, which includes all courses attempted, is computed each semester and is
maintained on a continuing basis as a record of the student's academic standing. When students
repeat a course, only the highest grade earned is counted in the computation of the cumulative GPA
and for satisfying curricular requirements unless the course is designated repeatable for credit in the
Master Course File or is a General Usage course. In instances of courses designated as repeatable
for credit or General Usage courses, all grades/credits are counted in the computation of the
cumulative grade point average. Grades of "S", "P", "U", "W", "X", and "I" shall not count as the first or
subsequent attempts when calculating cumulative GPA. Courses that do not generate grade points
are not included in credits attempted.

Person Submitting Change: Kristy Hall

Vice President of Academic Affairs and Workforce Solutions:

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Signature  8/27/2021
Date

Send this form and attachments to the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Workforce Solutions.
TITLE: REVISIONS TO CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (5.6.0.3.1): COURSE REPEAT POLICY (Academic, Student Affairs, and Workforce Development Committee, Action Item)

BACKGROUND:

ASAC and ACOP recommend that a revision to the course repeat policy for Cumulative Grade Point Average (5.6.0.3.1) is made so that when a student repeats a course, the student’s grade is based upon “highest grade earned” instead of “last grade earned.” The revision is prompted by situations in which students repeating a course earn a lower grade than the previous attempt and therefore are negatively impacted. Per Cumulative Grade Point Average (5.6.0.3.1), “when a student repeats a course, only the last grade earned is counted in the computation of the cumulative GPA and for satisfying curricular requirements unless the course is designated repeatable for credit in the Master Course File or is a General Usage course” (emphasis added). The policy revision is highlighted in red below.

5.6.0.3.1 Cumulative Grade Point Average (SP)

Cumulative GPA, which includes all courses attempted, is computed each semester and is maintained on a continuing basis as a record of the student’s academic standing. When students repeat a course, only the last highest grade earned is counted in the computation of the cumulative GPA and for satisfying curricular requirements unless the course is designated repeatable for credit in the Master Course File or is a General Usage course. In instances of courses designated as repeatable for credit or General Usage courses, all grades/credits are counted in the computation of the cumulative grade point average. Grades of “S,” “P,” “U,” “W,” “X,” and “I” shall not count as first or subsequent attempts when calculating cumulative GPA. Courses that do not generate grade points are not included in credits attempted.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the State Board of Community Colleges approve the revisions to the course repeat policy for Cumulative Grade Point Average as presented.

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