

**To:** Dr. David Major  
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**Re:** **Proposal for consideration by APSU Faculty Senate Meeting on January 27, 2011:** Students who do not successfully complete PASS 0900 and students who refuse to register for PASS 0900 will not be allowed to appeal a subsequent academic suspension to the Academic Suspension Appeals Committee.

### **Background**

Students who are placed on academic probation (GPA less than 1.5) during their freshman year and students who successfully appeal an academic suspension are required to enroll in PASS 0900, *Promoting Academic Student Success*. This course addresses both academic skills and non-cognitive factors which are known to impact a student's academic progress toward a degree. Any student enrolled in this course who attends the class and completes all assignments will earn a grade of "pass." The course currently operates at no cost to the student.

### **Proposal**

Students required to enroll in PASS 0900 who do not earn a grade of "pass" in the course, whose GPA places them on academic suspension at the end of the term of enrollment, will be unable to appeal the suspension to the Academic Suspension Appeals Committee. Student who were required to enroll in PASS 0900 but refused to register for the class, whose GPA places them on academic suspension at the end of the term of enrollment, will be unable to appeal the suspension to the Academic Suspension Appeals Committee. These students will not be allowed to enroll at APSU during the subsequent semester and must apply for readmission after the term of suspension is served.

### **Justification**

Students successfully completing PASS 0900 have improved their overall GPA and are more likely to persist toward graduation. Two factors contribute to failure in course completion: student absenteeism and unwillingness to participate in class. Currently, the only consequence for not successfully completing the course is the requirement to repeat the course if the GPA has not risen above probationary status. Knowing that the academic suspension that can result at the end of the semester of enrollment in the course would not be appealable could improve attendance and participation in class.