TO: President Jack Miller  
FROM: President of the University Senate  

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with [Academic Standards, Undergrad, Grad, Dismissal, Public] is presented to you for your consideration. Two additional copies are included for your use.

2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on March 10, 2008

3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.

4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.8, the following schedule of action is to be observed:
   a) By [Date], Senate action reported to the President of University.
   (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).
   
   b) By [Date], President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within 10 school days of its receipt).

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   President, University Senate (Tim Craine)

ENDORSEMENT:

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1. Motion Approved

2. Motion Disapproved (Explanatory statement must be appended)

3. Action “is deferred”

4. Resolution Noted

5. Other

[Date]  
President
Academic Standards move the following to replace the current undergraduate dismissal/probation policy of a sliding scale of good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all students regardless of number of credits or full/part-time status. The new policy is:

"After first semester with less than a GPA of 2.0 for all students (first-year/first-time, continuing, or transfer):

Probation: Probation letter informs student of an academic intervention (nature to be determined) and the dismissal/probation policy; expectation that student will be at 2.0 or higher by the end of the subsequent semester; offer opportunity to meet with representative of Dean’s office to discuss academic status. Letter will further emphasize that student is required to participate in the academic intervention or probation will not be granted should they petition for such at the end of the next semester.

At the end of the next semester for all students still having less than a 2.0:

Academic Dismissal: may be appealed to the Dean’s office only for documented extenuating circumstances; non-appealable if it is mathematically impossible for the student to reach 2.0 by the end of the subsequent semester. In absence of extenuating circumstances, Dean will have discretion to grant probation if the student has 2.0 in the previous semester, even if cumulative GPA is less than 2.0."

A motion to postpone discussion to the next Senate meeting of April 14, given the lack of clarity about how many students the new policy would affect: Failed.

Senator Duquette moved an amendment to clarify that the new policy would apply first to the Class of 2009: Passed.

Main motion: Passed.