

Proposal for a change in APEC Rules:

The present APEC rules, as introduced by the ARC state that a student is placed under Academic Probation (AP) if he/she secures less than $37.5*N$ credits where N is the number of semesters the student has completed. Further, a student on Probation is terminated if he/she secures less than $25*N$ credits. Several concerns have been raised over the impacts of this new system. The present proposal seeks to modify the rules in order to address the concerns.

Problems with present APEC rules:

1. Probation window 50 - 75%. A student can simply keep collecting anything between 50-66%, stay on probation for 5 years without getting terminated and then be unable to get a degree at the end of 6 years because of the maximum residency clause.
2. A student who is able to collect credits at normal pace for the 1st 6 semesters and has nearly 300 credits. Fails all the courses in 7th semester – obtains 0 credits – still doesn't go on probation. Such a situation needs to raise a flag, may be not as serious as Probation, but he/she still requires attention of CS and DUGC.
3. A student who gets left behind from normal credits – say, he/she is able to collect only 20 credits in the first 2 semesters due to some genuine reasons. Assume the student has now recovered from the problem. Even if reinstated, the student requires 55 credits to avoid termination, which is a big ask.
4. The seriousness attached to Probation has decreased since the range of credits for which a student falls under probation has increased to a large extent. Academic Probation, in order to have a meaningful impact should imply imminent termination in case similar performance continues.

Proposal:

Terms Used:

Total Credits obtained: TC

Credits Obtained in preceding semester: SC

Number of semesters the student was registered in: N

Condition for Termination:

- $SC < 30$ and $TC < (24+N)*N$

Condition for Academic Probation (AP):

- $SC > 30$ and $TC < (24+N)*N$
OR
- $SC < 30$ and $(24+N)*N < TC < (42-N/2)*N$

Condition for Warning:

- $SC > 30$ and $(24+N)*N < TC < (42-N/2)*N$
OR
- $SC < 30$ and $TC > (42-N/2)*N$

Restrictions under Probation:

1. Same as present including restriction over taking a position of responsibility and representing IIT K in extracurricular activities

Restrictions under Warning:

1. Same as Probation except that such a student may be allowed to represent IIT Kanpur in extra-curricular activities

Salient features of the proposal:

1. As the number of semesters increase, the requirement to save oneself from termination gradually increases in terms of TC, and in a span of 12 semesters, reaches $36*N$. On the other hand, TC for probation decrease and reach $36*N$ in a span of 12 semesters. $36*N$ means 432 credits which is very close to the number of credits that a student requires for graduation (420-430 credits, in general)
2. This takes care the concerns mentioned in points 2nd and 3rd problem by taking into account semester performance.
3. This takes care of the concern mentioned in 4th problem by creating a milder condition called warning by which the Probation shall only be given to a limited number of students.

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