Subject: Modification of Graduate Catalog – Reinstatement Policy

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Graduate Council acts as a council of advisors to the Dean of the Graduate School providing recommendations to be considered for adoption.

WHEREAS, the UAA Graduate Catalog of section of concern currently states:

Reinstatement to Degree-Seeking Status
Students who have been removed from graduate degree-seeking status for failure to undertake continuous registration or failure to make continuous progress toward a graduate degree as indicated by the Annual Report of Student Progress must re-apply for graduate study and pay the appropriate fee after one calendar year from the semester in which they were removed. When re-applying for graduate studies, it is the student’s responsibility to demonstrate ability to succeed in the graduate program. Readmission may be conditional on maintaining minimum academic standards within the first semester of study.

WHEREAS, changes are required to the existing catalog due to current language being confusing.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLVES:

The Graduate Catalog section shall be revised to:

Reinstatement to Degree-Seeking Status
A graduate student who fails to register for at least one graduate or 400-level credit per semester as listed on their official Graduate Studies Plan (GSP) for two consecutive semesters; voluntarily withdraws from the program; or fails to obtain an approved Leave of Absence will have to apply for Reinstatement before resuming graduate studies. Students seeking re-enrollment in multiple degree programs must file a reinstatement application for each program. Eligibility for Reinstatement is only valid up to 6 semesters, inclusive of summer semesters, beyond the last semester of attendance. If beyond 6 semesters, the student must apply for graduate studies with a new Graduate School application to the program.

To be considered for reinstatement, a student must be in good standing (with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher) during their last semester of attendance and pay the fee for reinstatement.

The decision to approve or deny reinstatement into the original degree program is made by the student’s home department. Departments are not obliged to approve reinstatements of students. Decisions may be based on the applicant’s academic status when last enrolled; activities while away from campus; the length of the absence; the perceived
potential for successful completion of the program; the ability of the department to
support the student both academically and financially; as well as, any other factors or
considerations regarded as relevant by the department or program.

International students should contact UAA International Student Services regarding
information about F-1 and J-1 federal regulations. Students should allow approximately
6 weeks for processing before requesting reinstatement to their program.

Reinstatement does not negate the policy which requires that all credits counted toward a
master’s degree, including transfer credits, be earned within a consecutive seven-year
period prior to graduation, and for all credits counted toward a doctoral degree, including
transfer credits, be earned within a consecutive 10-year period prior to graduation.

Passed and approved by the University of Alaska Anchorage Graduate Council on this 16th day
of February 2018.

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CC: Graduate Council Website