

Provost Office Response to Constituent Concern

Interpretation of Rule 38b: Academic Notice and Recess for At-risk Students

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The constituent concern is likely arising from a specific incident that happened on one of our campuses last academic year.

The definition of first-time, first-year students is clearly defined at WSU and for this academic year it will only include students who graduated from H.S. in 2024, whose first semester at WSU is either Fall 2024 or Spring 2025, and the category will be assigned regardless of any AP, IB, College in the High School, or Running Start Credit a student may have previously earned. True transfer students (e.g., those who have attended a Community College, College, or University after the first summer post-H.S. graduation) are excluded from the rule.

The Provost's Office was made aware last Spring of an incident where one of our campuses accidentally "recessed" some new Transfer students under this Rule. Leadership in ASCC has been in conversations with that campus' new Registrar and Reinstatement Director about AR 38b and its application.

The process goes like this: after grades post, IT (WSU-P) runs queries for the system to determine which students are deficient and under what AR (e.g., 38, 38b, 39). The master list generated from the query is sent to ASCC and people on that reinstatement team spot check the list by randomly picking 25-30 names on the list for each rule and verify that the student(s) is indeed deficient with the appropriate code attached. Once the spot check is done, deficiency codes are applied in myWSU to all students throughout the system, and then each campus' deficiency list is sent to the reinstatement coordinator/office on that campus. We ask, and rely on, each reinstatement coordinator/office to spot check their campus specific list – as a way of double checking so transfer students (in the case of AR 38b) aren't on the list. If a transfer student is found on the list during the spot check process, the campus reinstatement coordinator then changes their deficiency code from AR 38b to AR 38.

This was likely a one-time issue due to personnel turnover and we haven't had an issue with other campuses who have been closely reviewing/spot checking their lists.