

NEED FOR PUBLICIZING PROGRESSION STANDARDS:

Council of Deans
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2. The Council discussed the need for more clearly codified, publicly printed and easily accessible standards of progression. At present, some colleges publish their progression standards in the General Catalog and others in the Student Academic Guide. One college does not have the progression standards available in any of these publications as a result of moving from a college guide to the consolidated Student Academic Guide.

While the University has traditionally followed the process described below, the process has not been officially ratified by publication. The current process is as follows: Decisions dealing with curriculum as well as graduation and retention standards are made by the faculty of a college and then brought to the Provost and presented to the Educational Policy Committee, which in turn submits them to the Faculty Senate for approval.

The Dean's role is primarily as a manager of these standards. The Deans have a high degree of discretion in ruling about individual cases.

A subcommittee, consisting of Deans Al Trost and Willie Moore, will study the issues (most especially the best venue of publishing these standards) and bring forth its recommendations to the Council.