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To: Council on Instruction (COI)

Dear Members of the COI:

Re: Reprive/Renewal Policy Clarification

This correspondence serves as a follow-up and clarifies the State Regents' policy regarding academic reprieves and renewals. As you may recall, the situation is related to eligibility for either an academic reprieve or renewal if a student earns a letter grade lower than a "C" in remedial/developmental courses and if these courses are considered as regularly graded.

State Regents' policy regarding an academic reprieve or renewal (3.11.6.E.2 and 3.11.6.F.2, respectively) states that prior to requesting either a reprieve or renewal the student must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and no grade lower than a "C" in all regularly graded coursework. Additionally, State Regents' *Grading* policy defines remedial/developmental courses as zero-level courses that do not carry college credit.

A review of institutional policy application determined that institutional policy interpretation regarding eligibility for an academic reprieve or renewal for students who earn grades lower than "C" and the definition of regularly graded coursework varies across the State System.

On January 13, 2016, the COI Admission/Retention/Transfer committee convened to discuss this issue. As a result of this discussion, it was determined that remedial/developmental courses are not college-level; therefore, these courses should not be considered as regularly graded coursework. Thus, a student may be eligible for an academic reprieve or renewal, with a grade lower than a "C" in remedial/developmental courses, provided that all other policy requirements are met (refer to 3.11.6.E and 3.11.6.F).

Please feel free to share this policy clarification with those whom you deem appropriate within your institution. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Daniel Archer, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, at (405) 225-9142 or [darcher@osrhe.edu](mailto:darcher@osrhe.edu).

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