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I. POLICY

The record of each student will be reviewed by the appropriate Committee on Student Promotion at scheduled intervals and action will be taken on each student’s status. In addition to maintaining good academic standing, students are expected to adhere to the accepted standards of professional behavior in their contacts with fellow students, faculty, patients, staff, and others. A student must satisfactorily complete the work of an academic year in all regards and be in good standing before advancement to the next year.

During years one and two, students must pass every course in order to be promoted. In either the first or second year, dismissal is automatic if a student receives two failing grades, one failing and one unsatisfactory grade, or unexcused incompletes in two or more courses.

A student may repeat only one year of the first two years of the curriculum. During the repeat year dismissal is automatic if the student receives one failing grade or two unsatisfactory grades.

During the clinical years, a failure in a required course/clerkship will be referred immediately to the Committee on Student Promotion for discussion and presentation of a remediation plan, unless the student’s overall performance requires consideration of dismissal. The student will be permitted to complete any subsequent required course/clerkship he/she has begun, but no additional required clerkships can be taken until the failure is remediated. Unsatisfactory performance in two courses/clerkships or failure in a subsequent course will result in dismissal from school at the discretion of the Committee on Student Promotion.

The Committee on Student Promotion may make specific recommendations regarding remediation of grades in any year.

Any student facing a potential adverse decision by the Committee on Student Promotion will be invited to address the Committee along with a School of Medicine faculty advocate of his/her choosing. A family member who is a School of Medicine faculty member may not serve as a student’s faculty advisor.* The student may put forth an explanation for the deficient performance, any extenuating circumstances, and any other information relevant to the student’s fitness to continue the academic program.

A student who is dismissed or subject to another adverse decision affecting their status in the educational program may appeal to the Dean of the School of Medicine. The Dean’s review will be based upon procedural grounds alone to guarantee that due process was afforded the student and that published policies were followed appropriately.

A student who has been dismissed may have the right to petition the Committee on Student Promotion for readmission to the program if there is additional information that might demonstrate the student’s ability to successfully meet the academic and professional expectations of the school.

In accordance with the high standard of ethical conduct required of a physician, students are expected to refrain from acts of dishonesty which impair the academic integrity of the University. Students whose behavior appears to be unbefitting a
physician will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee of the Advisory Board of the Medical Faculty, and such other persons as may be deemed appropriate. The ad hoc committee will be appointed by the Dean, or in the Dean’s absence, the Vice Dean for Education. This committee will decide on the student’s status within the school. Students reviewed under such circumstances will have the opportunity to meet with the ad hoc committee in person prior to a decision. A student whose status is affected by a decision of the ad hoc committee will be afforded an opportunity to appeal to the Dean and, thereafter, to the Provost of the University. A complete description of procedures to be followed in disciplinary matters is located in this catalog in the section titled “Instruction Leading to the M.D. Degree.” It is also available in the Student Affairs Office.

At the end of the fourth year the candidate’s entire record, including both required and elective work, will be reviewed by the Committee on Student Promotion. Those who have satisfactory records and who are judged by the Committee to have demonstrated evidence of personal fitness for a career in medicine will be recommended to the Advisory Board of the Medical Faculty for the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Students must have resolved all outstanding charges of misconduct and violations of academic ethics to be eligible for graduation.

*For purpose of this policy, the term “family member” refers to: spouse, and parents thereof; parents, and spouses thereof; brothers and sisters, and spouses thereof; grandparents and spouses thereof; domestic partner and parents thereof, or any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the student is the equivalent of a family relationship.