New BOGFW Regulations Q & A

**Question:** Are the BOGFW rules finalized? Meaning no changes expected by Fall 2016 or do we expect some additional changes?

**Answer:** The regulations are final and we don’t anticipate any changes.

**Question:** Will the Chancellor’s office send out additional information regarding responsibility of implementation? Is it Admissions & Records or Financial Aid? The A&R director is stating that this should be a Financial Aid responsibility. Information I heard is that this is on the A&R side.

**Answer:** We have been saying that we recommend this be done in A&R. We can’t make A&R do it though. For the student it is better to have one appeal process that handles both Enrollment Priority and Fee Waiver.

**Question:** Will there be any templates for Appeals that a school can go by or use? Or is it up to the school to make up?

**Answer:** No, we don’t have a template. You might want to ask the list serve for samples.

**Question:** How is the definition of “Significant Academic Improvement” defined?

**Answer:** It should be at a minimum 2.0 GPA and more than 50% unit completion for a term, but you can make it higher than that. If a student has a cumulative GPA or Progress % that is below the standards but he/she does well in a recent term you could grant him/her an appeal.

**Scenario:** Student fails Academic Progress for two consecutive terms, but it’s due to prior grades. Those two consecutive semesters they did above 50% completion and 2.0, but because we check on cumulative grades they fail. Can we automatically approve them under “Significant Academic Improvement” or does the student have to initiate the Appeal themselves?

**Answer:** Yes, this is a good example for the previous question. You can automate this process rather than having the student initiate an appeal.
**Question:** The BOGFW rules should mirror the scenario, correct? In our college policy, we have 12 units as minimum to take a look at the student’s academic history. Meaning if a student has attempted less than 12 units but has attended multiple semesters, even though the student may have failed and dropped classes, the student would still be eligible for the BOGFW because the student never attempted 12 units. Is this correct?

**Answer:** Yes, the 12 unit minimum applies. You only calculate probation after a student attempts 12 units.

**Question:** Consecutive terms. So if we have a student who attends every other primary term the student would not be subject to dismissal because they do not have a FALL/SPRING combo? If a student attends only Spring not Fall, did poorly over a couple of years. They have less than 50% unit completion and/or cumulative GPA below 2.0. The fact that the terms are not consecutive they would not be subject to loss of BOGFW? The reason I ask is that we have students coming back to school all the time. I saw one student, who completed some semesters but left 10 years ago and came back, and completed another semester. Do I look at the latest term to see if it was consecutive or do we go back years ago until we find that FALL/SPRING combo?

**Answer:** Consecutive semesters in this case means any two semesters the student takes; if the student attends fall, doesn’t attend spring, then attends the next fall, the two fall semesters are his/her consecutive primary terms. The student has to “sit out” for at least two semesters to regain eligibility. If the student sits out two semesters he/she still comes back with his/her poor GPA or Progress %, he/she may land again on probation at the end of the first term back.

**Question:** If the student enrolls in April for fall term, gets notification of loss of BOGFW in June, and then applies for financial aid in August, still eligible for BOGFW?

**Answer:** Yes. The student enrolled for the fall term back in April. When the student decides to apply for financial aid does not determine the loss for the BOGFW, registration opportunity does.

**Question:** If the student enrolls in April for fall term, gets notification of loss of BOGFW in June, and then registers for summer term, still eligible for BOGFW for the summer?

**Answer:** Yes. The student took advantage of enrollment priority and registered for fall back in April. Since the student register BEFORE determination of loss of BOGFW, the student is eligible for the primary term (fall term) and the non-primary term (summer) as well.
**Question:** There are Six Circumstances for which a student can appeal the loss of the BOGFW. If the committee denies the appeal can we add a 7th option? For example if an appeal was denied the student would have to take a 4 hour workshop on Academic Progress and then have their BOGFW reinstated. Or even just add an additional option for the appeal process. So if the student did this workshop we could approve it?

**Answer:** You can set your own appeal processes, which can include requiring a workshop as part of the appeal, but not as a separate option on its own. Good idea.

**Question:** If the student sits out one year after one failed term, is the student OK to receive BOGFW?

**Answer:** Yes. The student only had one failed term, he/she didn’t have to sit out a year to regain eligibility for the BOGFW.

**Question:** If the student registers for Fall 2016 during April, determination of BOGFW loss is done in June and student applies for financial aid in August, does the student lose the BOGFW for Fall?

**Answer:** No. Why? Because the student REGISTERED for Fall in April BEFORE the system determination of BOGFW loss. The timing to apply for financial aid does not bare an impact, registration does.