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MEMORANDUM

TO: A.E. Students on Warning/Probation/Drop Status

FROM: Robert G. Loewy, Chair

SUBJECT: A.E. Policy for Readmission After Being Dropped for Academic Reasons

1. If you are on warning or probation, this memorandum is being given to you to inform you of the difficulties for being readmitted if your academic performance leads to your being dropped from school for the first time. If you have already been dropped, then this memorandum outlines the requirements and procedures to be followed for you to be considered for readmission.

2. The Student Rules and Regulations, Article VIII.B.5 states:

"A student who has been dropped once for unsatisfactory scholarship will ordinarily not be readmitted. A student who seeks an exception to this rule must have been out of the Institute for at least one term of the academic year and have had a conference with the major school concerning the readmission prior to the appropriate date listed previously. Because the summer term is not included in the academic year, students who are dropped at the end of the spring term will not be eligible for readmission until the beginning of the following spring term."

Article VIII.B.6 states:

"A student who is dropped a second time for unsatisfactory scholarship will not be readmitted to the Institute."

Thus, if you are dropped once and then readmitted, it will be your last chance to succeed at Georgia Tech.

3. The Student Rules and Regulations do not define the requirements for readmission. However, they do require a conference with your major school. One of the purposes of

this conference is to prepare a contract which defines a level of performance that will be expected of the student. This contract is required and its contents are specified by the Institute Curriculum Committee. One requirement of the contract which the student must sign is that the student is readmitted conditionally for two terms during which time the student must earn a grade point average high enough to raise the student's overall grade point average to 2.0. The required average will vary from student to student but will usually fall in the range of 2.3 to 2.8. It turns out that few students will have performed at this level (or even close to it) during any of the previous terms that they have been at Georgia Tech. Our experience has been that readmission under these circumstances most often leads to a second drop after one term.

4. In order to give the student a better chance to succeed after being dropped once, the A.E. School has adopted the following policy. Any student who has been dropped and whose readmission contract requires a cumulative two-term grade point average which is greater than that earned in any previous term at Georgia Tech will not be considered for readmission until:
 - a) The student has been out of the Institute for one full year, and
 - b) The student has attended another institution on a full time basis and has earned at least a 3.0 average on a total of 24 term hours (or equivalent) of course work. The courses taken must include some science and mathematics and must be at such a level that they could be, if appropriate, acceptable as transfer credit at Georgia Tech.
 - c) Petitions for readmission will be reviewed and acted on by the Aerospace Engineering Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
5. The main concern of the A.E. School is that you provide yourself with a reasonable chance to be successful not only in earning a degree from Georgia Tech but also in finding employment after graduation. It is only reasonable to recognize that those at the bottom of the class have limited their opportunities for employment in the aerospace industry. You should feel free to discuss your progress in the A.E. program with your advisor at the first sign of academic difficulties.