



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council

From: Professor Tom Coyle
Chair, Examinations Committee

Date: February 8, 2012 for March 7, 2012 Faculty Council Meeting

Re: **Lifting Probation for Graduation**

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

This is ***Minor Policy Matter*** that will be considered by the Executive Committee for approving and forwarding to Faculty Council for information.

BACKGROUND

One of three categories of Academic Standing, used to determine the applicable promotion regulations for the subsequent session, is noted on a student's transcript with the record of each session. The categories are *Pass*, *Proceeding on Probation*, and *On Repeat Probation*. Questions have been brought to the Committee regarding the meaning of a standing of *Proceeding on Probation* or *On Repeat Probation* noted on the transcript for the final session leading to graduation. The implication that a student has *graduated on probation* is confusing to some students, and the significance of that notation may not be clear to potential employers.

The categories of Academic Standing are meaningful for students progressing through engineering programs as they determine the level of academic performance required in the subsequent session. Once the requirements for graduation are satisfied, an Academic Standing of *Proceeding on Probation*, or *On Repeat Probation* has the same significance as *Pass*.

RECOMMENDATION

To eliminate the potential for confusion or misinterpretation of a student's record, the Committee recommends that an Academic Standing of *Proceeding on Probation*, or *On Repeat Probation* on a student's transcript at the conclusion of the session during which all requirements for graduation are satisfied be changed to *Pass* (or *Honours* if applicable) effective for Spring Graduation 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are none.

PROPOSAL/MOTION FOR FACULTY COUNCIL

For information.