

UGC Minutes October 14, 2024

- Minutes of Sept 9 were accepted
- Undergraduate students Luca Rallis and Sarah Elbaroudy were given the floor to present and justify a request for a change to the way the overall GPA is computed after a course retake.

They noted the following:

- Current SBU policy is for all graded attempts of a course to be listed on the transcript AND that the grade of each attempt be factored into the student's overall GPA.
- The concern is that this will negatively affect the student's GPA even if the course material is mastered after the first attempt.
- Current SBU policy is not in alignment with the majority of campuses they surveyed both, in the SUNY system or among the 71 AAU members. Only 3 of the 64 SUNY campuses factored all course attempts into the final GPA.

They proposed the following:

- Any class can be repeated for which a grade of C- or lower was attained.
- The first retake will not require a petition
- Each graded attempt will be listed on the transcript.
- Only one grade for the course will be used for the GPA calculation.

The UGC discussed this as a committee in closed session after the presentation and achieved a consensus regarding the following modified policy.

- Any class can be repeated for which a grade of C- or lower was attained.
- The first retake will not require a petition, but second and higher retakes will require a petition.
- Each graded attempt will be listed on the transcript.
- Only the highest score of the attempts will be used for GPA calculation.

The chair, Hanna Nekvasil, passed this consensus on the registrar Diane Bello who will work to implement it for Fall 2025; a copy of this consensus was sent to Brenda Anderson, President University Senate, and to the two students Luca Rallis and Sarah Elbaroudy.