

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

A College of Engineering, Management, Science, and Transportation

Temporary modification to Academic Board Process May 2020

Problem:

Most educators will recognize that online learning can be both a solution and a problem. Despite careful intentions to adapt well to online delivery of coursework, the results are expected to be less than perfect for students and faculty. Due to some students' uneven access to the internet, and/or limited lack of independent learning skills or inability to receive necessary support to be successful, we anticipate academic results that can be imperfect measures come May 8, 2020.

Temporary modification for Academic Board protocol for May 2020 only:

The Academic Board will review all student GPA's at the end of the semester to determine students' success. With little risk of jeopardizing our academic standards we propose that the Academic Board temporarily substitute their usual process with the following:

Delay most dismissal decisions until the end of the fall semester. This will give students the benefit of the doubt allowing them to continue another semester to improve their GPA to meet established academic standards.

In May, where appropriate, the board will assign students to the academic warning category or to the PFD status and assign PFD advisors to guide students through the fall semester. Current PFD students who do not meet the criteria for removal from that status will continue to meet with their PFD advisors during the fall semester

At the end of the fall semester, the Academic Board will resume its usual tasks to identify those students who are not successful academically. At that point, if dismissed, they will have access to the appeal process.