**Change to Academic Probation Policy passed by EMS and passed by Academic Affairs (19 Feb. 2020):**

**Academic Probation**

~~A student is~~ Students are placed on Academic Probation when ~~his/her~~ their cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. Students on academic probation are eligible to attend the University while carrying a ~~cumulate~~ cumulative grade point average below 2.0 under specified provisions but are not in good standing.

Students on probation have two semesters to improve their academic performance. If a student takes a leave of absence after one semester of probation, they would still be under probation for one semester after returning. Enrollment for the probationary term ~~will~~ may be limited to a maximum of 13 semester hours, and students must participate in the services for probationary students offered through the Center for Student Success (CSS). This is a mandatory requirement. Failure to participate in CSS services will result in immediate Academic Dismissal at the end of the semester. Students should refer to the CSS website for more information on these services.

**RATIONALE:**

* A review of other UNC system schools reflects that UNC Pembroke is one of only a few schools to restrict hours.
* If during the registration period a student enrolls in more than 13 credit hours, there is no mechanism or logical process for removing courses/credit hours from the student’s schedule.
* Discussion of the appropriate/best number of credit hours for a student to take in a probationary semester can be discussed by the student and the CSS advisor when the Academic Success Contract is developed.
* Students often fall into academic probation due to circumstances that are relevant to one semester (illness, family issue). The restriction causes students to fall behind academically and decreases their ability to graduate in four years.