

## **EXAM FAILURES – "JUST THE FACTS"**

- I. How do I find out if I failed an exam?
  - a) When the exams are made public, it is your responsibility to check to see if you passed.
  - b) You will receive an email from the *Office of Academic support and Counseling*. The email will state that you are required to meet with Dr. Kelly or Dr. Petersen to discuss variables influencing your score and how to improve upon your score
  - c) You will also receive an official letter, mailed to your living address, stating that you have failed an exam requiring you to meet with Dr. Kelly or Dr. Petersen. If you have accumulated more than three exam failures, the letter will also state that you will need to have a mandatory meeting with one of the Deans of Student Affairs.
- II. If you fail an exam, does this mean you will get dismissed?

No. As outlined in the students by-laws, "Failing three exams provokes 'advisory status' for a student who will be formally counseled by the Office of Student Affairs." Four or five failed exams provoke 'review' status and further counseling. The sixth exam failure triggers a 'probationary status' and provokes appearance before the Committee on Student Promotions and Standards. Seven exam failures are grounds for dismissal. Eight failed exams require that a student be dismissed.

III. Are all exams weighed equally for exam tracking purposes with the Office of Student Affairs?

Yes.

IV. Are Introduction to Clinical Medicine exams counted if failed?

Yes.

V. Do quizzes count as "Exam Failures"?

No they do not. However, they are indication that there is a need to improve upon your study strategies.

VI. How does exam failure affect my status as a first year student?

## THREE EXAM FAILURES BEFORE WINTER RECESS:

The failure of three exams prior to the winter recess period of Year I, Mid-terms and/or Finals, for any reason, will automatically require the development of a customized schedule – without recourse to the Committee of Student Promotions and Professional Standards or the Dean – even if graduation is there by postponed.



## FOUR EXAM FAILURES DURING $1^{ST}$ YEAR COURSES:

The accumulation of four exam failures in the first year will automatically require the development of a customized schedule – without recourse to Committee on Student Promotions and Professional Standards or the Dean – even if graduation is thereby postponed.

(For more detailed information, please refer to Committee on Student Promotions and Professional Standards, <a href="http://blog.myalbert.einstein.yu.edu/studentsaffairs/important-links/#policies">http://blog.myalbert.einstein.yu.edu/studentsaffairs/important-links/#policies</a>)