

Changes to University Senate Rules (from March 2012 – November 2012)

Section 1: The University Senate

- Changes to 1.1.1.A (“Faculty Employees”) – updated language to comply with changes in 2009 to Human Resources Policy and Procedure Manual 4.0 (“Employee Status”)
- Changes to 1.2.1 (“Functions of the University Senate”) – removed outdated *Governing Regulations* references; changed 1.2.1.B to accommodate current SACSCOC requirements; changed 1.2.1.C to remove outdated *Senate Rules* reference; changed 1.2.1.E to correct typo; changed 1.2.1.G to correct typo
- Interpretation to 1.2.2.1.C (“Elected Faculty Membership”) – added language to further define a second consecutive term
- Change to 1.2.2.4 (“Ex Officio Membership: Voting”) – updated name College of Communication and Information
- Change to 1.2.2.5 (“Ex Officio Membership: Non-Voting”) – corrected typo
- Change to 1.3.1.3.A.3 (“Election”) – added language clarifying relationship between Senate Council (SC) elections and election of the SC chair
- Change to 1.3.1.3.A (“Senate Council Chair”) – added language to increase faculty senator participation in election of SC chair
- Change to 1.3.1.3.C (“Chair-elect”) – added language to clarify role of role of chair-elect
- Changes to 1.3.2.3 ((Graduate Council) “Composition”) – updated name College of Communication and Information; removed unnecessary reference to “medical-related Graduate Centers”; standardized language
- Changes to 1.3.3.2 ((Undergraduate Council) “Composition”) – standardized language; removed outdated reference to Lexington Community College
- Changes to 1.3.4.1 ((Health Care Colleges Council) “Functions”) – changed 1.3.4.1.A to clarify course reviews; changed 1.3.4.1.B to clarify program reviews
- Change to 1.3.4.3 ((Health Care Colleges Council) “Election”) – removed language about administrative officers
- Change to 1.4.2.6 (“Senate Academic Programs Committee (SAPC)”) – updated reference to Health Care Colleges Council
- Changes to 1.4.3.0 (“Senate University Studies Committee”) – deleted entire section (it will be renamed and updated with a new rule in the future)

- Interpretations to 1.4.4.2.B.6 ((Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT)) “Reports and Records”) – added language to describe procedures after improper grade change as violation of academic privilege; added language regarding written comments on course evaluations
- Change to 1.4.4.3.B.4 (“University Senate Hearing Panel (Privilege and Tenure) (USHP)”) – corrected typo
- Change to 1.4.5 (“Ad Hoc Committees”) – corrected typo
- Change to 1.5.1.B.6 ((ELECTION OF JOINT BOARD-FACULTY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE) “Procedures”) – corrected typo

Section 3: Course Numbering System and Curriculum Procedures

- Change to 3.1.2.F (“Blocks of Numbers for Certain Courses”) – added language on circumstances for automatic creation of 767 courses
- Change to 3.2.0 (“PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND CHANGES”) – language substantially revised and updated
- Changes to 3.3.0 (“PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING COURSES AND CHANGES IN COURSES”) – language substantially revised and updated, including interpretation on “faculty of the originating educational unit”
- Changes to 3.3.2 (now 3.4.0) (“Procedures Governing Creation, Consolidation, Transfer, Closure, or Significant Reduction of an Academic Program or Educational Unit”) – language substantially revised and updated

Section 4: Rules Relating to Admission to the University

- Change to 4.2.1.2 (“Admission to Advanced Standing”) – language added about exception for RN-BSN program
- Change to 4.2.1.3.4 (“Changing status from Non-Degree to Degree Seeking”) – added language regarding dual-credit programs
- Change to 4.2.2.2 (“College of Health Sciences Program”) – changes to A – E to change references from “professional” to “undergraduate”
- Change of 4.2.2.2.E (“Medical Technology: Admissions Policy”) – updated the degree name and added admission requirement
- Changes to 4.2.2.4 (“College of Human Environmental Sciences”) – updated name; moved Hospitality and Tourism Program language to School HES section

- Renumbering Changes to 4.2.2.5 - 4.2.2.14; updated name College of Communication and Information
- Change to 4.2.5.4 (“Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s or Doctoral Degree Program—University Scholars”) – added language to allow for combined bachelor’s/doctoral degree programs

Section 5: Rules Relating to Attending the University

- Interpretations of 5.1.7 (“Changing Grades”) – added language to clarify how to deal with grade changes both authorized and not authorized by 5.1.7
- Changes to 5.1.8.5 (“Retroactive Withdrawal”) – added language on how a grade assigned for an academic offence may be changed via the retroactive withdrawal appeals process; updated Forms link
- Interpretation of 5.1.9 (“Grade Point Average”) – added language to clarify that SR 5.3.1.2 overrides the provisions in SR 5.1.9.B if there are any contradictions between the two
- Change to 5.2.2 (“Student Load”) – added language to accommodate combined bachelor’s/doctoral degree
- Interpretation of 5.2.4.1 (“Attendance and Completion of Assignments”) – added language on not returning graded material
- Interpretation of 5.2.4.2 (“Excused Absences”) – added language regarding nonattendance for reasons related to employment
- Change to 5.2.4.6.A and interpretation of 5.2.4.6.G (“Dead Week”) – clarifies the courses to which the Dead Week rule applies
- Interpretation of 5.2.4.7 (“Final Examinations”) – added language on more than two exams scheduled for one day
- Interpretation of 5.3.1.1 (“Repeat Option”) – clarified when an undergraduate course can be repeated, when an undergraduate degree has already been awarded.
- Interpretation of 5.3.1.2 (“Prohibition of Duplicate Credit”) – clarifies use of repeat option by postbaccalaureate and graduate students
- Deletion of 5.3.2.2.1 (“Clinical Laboratory Science Professional Program”) –language deleted regarding a program that has since changed
- Change to 5.3.2.5 (“~~Professional~~ Program in Accountancy”) – removed “Professional”

- Change to 5.4.1 (“Residence Requirements”) – added language to comply with SACSCOC requirements and correct unnecessarily repeated phrase
- Change to 5.4.1.1 (“Undergraduate Application for Degrees”) – removed “Note” that explained the deadlines for applying for degrees prior to May 2009
- Change to 5.4.1.8 (“University Scholars Program”) – added language to allow for combined bachelor’s/doctoral degree programs
- Deletion of 5.4.3.2 (“Inference Requirement”) – this rule will be renamed and updated with a new rule in the future
- Deletion of 5.4.3.3 (“University Studies Requirements”) – this rule will be renamed and updated with a new rule in the future
- Removal of 5.4.3.4 Interpretation (“Free Electives”) – removed interpretation pertaining to University Studies Program

Section 6: Academic Rights of Students

- Change 6.2.1.2 ((Functions, Jurisdiction and Procedures of the Office (UAB)) “Jurisdiction”) – updated SR references and position titles
- Change to 6.2.1.7 (“Records and Reports”) – updated position title
- Change to 6.3.0 (“Academic Offences”) – updated AR reference to revised numbering system
- Interpretation of 6.5.1.3.C (“Cases of Student Academic Rights”) – add interpretations regarding the parameters of the UAB
- Change to 6.5.2.2 (“The Student Membership”) – removed outdated references

Section 10.0: Appendices

- Addition of new appendix section, 10.2 (“SREC INTERPRETATION OF SENATE RULES ON COUNTING OF A SINGLE COURSE TOWARD MORE THAN ONE DEGREE”) –details the myriad situations in which “double-dipping” is acceptable and not acceptable