

Draft Charge for Ad Hoc Committee on Absence Policies
November 6, 2023

1 The ad hoc Committee on Attendance Policies is charged with clarifying and harmonizing the Senate
2 Rules regarding required attendance, by evaluating existing attendance policies and recommending new
3 Senate Rules or changes to the Senate Rules. The Committee shall conduct benchmarking, literature
4 reviews, and evaluate best practices.

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6 The Committee will present an interim report for Senate Council and Senate in Spring 2024 and the
7 report must include the following: 1) synopsis or timeline of the history of the current Senate Rules on
8 attendance, 2) mechanics of attendance policies, such as ~~acceptable~~ excuseds and unexcused
9 absences, reasonable accommodations, and the current 20% threshold on absences etc., and 3) a
10 discussion on why attendance matters in a 21st century university as it relates to student mastery of
11 course learning outcomes. In its deliberations, the Committee must consider matters such as academic
12 integrity, learning outcomes, and Title IV and other federal regulations. The interim report must also
13 address attendance and engagement as it relates to student populations that differ from a traditional
14 residential population, such as students who are members of the uniformed services, ~~or~~ athletic
15 organizations, or student organizations, as well as changes brought about synchronous and
16 asynchronous distance learning.