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Draft Charge for SC Ad Hoc Committee on Attendance Policies

1. Purpose for submitting: *Seeking feedback*

2. Type of proposal: *Campuswide policies (including Senate Rules)*

3. Specific action being requested: *New*

4. Proposer: *DeShana Collett*

5. Affiliation of proposer:

6. Proposal submitted on behalf of another unit or organization

6.a. If "Yes," name of the submitting unit/organization:

7. Rationale for proposal:

The Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) recommended to SC that the SC form an ad hoc committee to look at attendance policies de novo. The intent is NOT to revise current SRs, but rather to establish new policies that will govern attendance.

8. Does the proposal include a change to the Senate Rules?

Yes

8.a. If "Yes," what section of the Senate Rules? *Section 5 - Attending the University, Various Sections throughout to Accommodate the Primary Change(s)*

8.b. If "Yes," what is the requested effective date? *Other*

9. If asking for feedback, how will the feedback be used?

SC would like to ensure that the charge for this important ad hoc committee has broad support.

Draft Charge for Ad Hoc Committee on Absence Policies
University Senate
November 13, 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 excused and unexcused absences, reasonable
9 accommodations, and the current 20% threshold on absences, and 3) a discussion on why attendance
10 matters in a 21st century university as it relates to student mastery of course learning outcomes. In its
11 deliberations, the Committee must consider matters such as academic integrity, learning outcomes, and
12 Title IV and other federal regulations. The interim report must also address attendance and engagement
13 as it relates to student populations that differ from a traditional residential population, such as students
14 who are members of the uniformed services, athletic organizations, or student organizations, as well as
15 changes brought about synchronous and asynchronous distance learning.