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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 SC has approved a charge for an ad hoc Committee on Attendance Policies (next page). SC would like Senate's thoughts/feedback on the charge and can use it while developing the composition.*

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.