

Senate Council  
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Academic Approval Process Work Group

Background: There is a widely-held opinion that the current academic approval process could benefit from revisions. Previous attempts to revise existing language in the *Senate Rules* have been unsuccessful.

Because the academic approval process has so many different facets, it would be very difficult to take existing *Senate Rules* and modify them in an attempt to create a revised process. Therefore, it has been suggested that the work group should be charged with creating a “wish list” of what a revised academic approval process would look like. Subsequent to approval by the Senate Council and Senate, the “wish list” can be given to the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee to codify into appropriate language for the *Senate Rules*. The final rule language can then be brought to the SC and Senate for approval.

***Recommendation: that the Senate Council: approve the creation of the Academic Approval Process Work Group; and ask the Office of the Senate Council to provide a list of possible members and a draft charge, to be discussed at the September 22 Senate Council meeting.***