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Proposals to allow waivers in certain situations by deans or deans’ designees

Proposed change in Rule 4.3.1: Late Registration

After the sixth day of classes in either 16-week semester or an equivalent period [or the fourth day] of shorter terms [that term of the summer session] in which the student is enrolled, no student may register for an organized class, without written permission from the student’s academic dean or the dean’s designee. The waiver and the rationale for the waiver must be documented in the student’s record in the college. On recommendation of the dean concerned, the Registrar may set a later date for final registration in classes that do not start on the first day of a semester or a summer session, or for the registration of a group of students who were not present at the regular registration time.

Proposed change in Rule 5.1.4: Pass Fail

Courses taken on a Pass-Fail basis shall be limited to those considered as elective in the student's program and such other courses or types of courses as might be specifically approved by the Senate Council for a college or department. Prerequisites for such courses may be ignored at the student's own hazard. Students are expected to participate fully in these courses and to take all examinations as though they were enrolled on a regular basis. [Students may not change from a pass-fail basis or from a regular basis to a pass-fail basis] Any student may change his or her grading option (pass/fail to letter grade or letter grade to pass/fail; credit to audit or audit to credit) within three (3) weeks from the beginning of classes in the fall or spring semester (or a proportionate amount of time in the summer term or other courses of less than a full semester's duration). After such time, a student may not change his or her grading option without the written approval of the student’s academic dean or the dean’s designee. The waiver and the rationale for the waiver must be documented in the student’s record in the college.

Proposed change in Rule 5.2.2: Hours while on Probation

A student on academic probation shall take no more than fifteen (15) credit hours in a semester, three (3) credit hours in a [the] four-week session [intersession], or seven (7) credit hours in a six or [the] eight-week session. This rule may be waived by written permission from the student’s academic dean or the dean’s designee. The waiver and the rationale for the waiver must be documented in the student’s record maintained by the college.

Rationale for the proposed changes:

The limits in the above rules are currently being waived for good cause at the college level (in most colleges) without express authority in the Senate Rules. Codifying the existing practice makes sense, since special circumstances might warrant waiver and

waiver is most efficiently done at the college level. It also makes sense to require such waivers, and the reasons therefore, to be documented in the student's academic record.