

Senate Council Meeting

August 21, 2006

Request to Waive *Senate Rule 5.1.8.5.A.2*

A student, suffering from multiple emotional, psychological and family stressors, requested in Spring 2006 a retroactive withdrawal (RWA) for the Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 semesters, the student's freshman year. The Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Application Committee (SRWAC) granted the RWA for Spring 2004, but was unable to grant the RWA for Fall 2003, solely due to the stipulation in *Senate Rules 5.1.8.5.A.2* stating that a RWA must be requested within two years of the last day of classes for the semester for which the withdrawal is requested. It was only due to *SR 5.1.8.5.A.2* that the RWA for Fall 2003 was not granted. The letter from SRWAC Chair McCormick states that it was the opinion of SRWAC members that the student's ability to withdraw from either semester was compromised by a persistent and debilitating medical and psychological condition.

Chair McCormick, the assistant dean with whom the student has been working, the student's physician and psychologist, the student's advisor and the director of the Robinson Scholars Program, in which the student was and currently is involved, have all written letters supporting the student's RWA request for both semesters.