

Senate Council
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Request by Associate Dean to Waive Two-Year Window for RWA Case

In July 2004, Mike Mullen was newly appointed as associate dean in the College of Agriculture. On behalf of student "AC," he recommended in writing that she be reinstated to UK for Fall 2004. In the letter, he also supported a retroactive withdrawal from the Fall 2002 semester; he thought that the one letter was sufficient for both actions.

After a query from the student in Spring 2006, Mike reviewed his actions of July 2004 and realized that at the time, he did not understand that the reinstatement and retroactive withdrawal processes were two separate issues. In his letter dated April 25, 2006 to Katherine McCormick, which supports AC's retroactive withdrawal request, Mike writes, "I feel certain that if I had filed the proper paperwork in July 2004, she would have been permitted to drop the Summer and Fall 2002 work from her record. Now, I am in support of allowing that withdrawal request, even if it is nearly two years late."

Recommendation: that the Senate Council waive Senate Rule 5.1.8.5.A.2 to allow the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Application Committee to review the application for "AC."