

Senate Council Meeting
March 5, 2007

Proposal from Senate's Rules & Elections Committee

The SREC recommended that this rule be amended so as to make the two year limit be the deadline for the student to file a complete request for a retroactive withdrawal, so that the RWC could then still render a positive decision even after two years. The SREC recommends that the input of the RWC be obtained by the SREC as to taking SR 5.1.8.5.B(1) and merging it into SR 5.1.8.5.A(2) as follows:

A (2) Requests for retroactive withdrawals ~~may not be granted after~~ shall be made of the Dean of the college in which the student was enrolled at the time the classes were taken. The complete request shall be made before a the student has graduated or and beyond not later than two calendar years from the last day of classes for the semester for which the withdrawal is requested. This fully complete request shall be submitted using the University Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Petition, along with the documentation required by the University Senate as described on that form (<http://www.uky.edu/eForms/forms/RWAform.pdf>).

~~B (1) Requests for retroactive withdrawal shall be made of the Dean of the college in which the student was enrolled at the time the classes were taken, on the form and with the documentation required by the University Senate. Requests for retroactive withdrawals shall be made through the University Senate — Retroactive Withdrawal Petition [US: 4/12/99] [<http://www.uky.edu/Fiscal/Shared/Forms/RWAform.pdf>]~~

Note: If this recommendation is adopted it will necessitate updating of the model RWC letter that is web posted at <http://www.uky.edu/eForms/forms/RWAinstr.doc> as well as the petition form itself.

In addition, the web posted form itself incorrectly cites the Senate Rule that entitles the student to have an attorney present at the hearing before the RWC. The form incorrectly cites it as SR 4.1.8.3, when the correct rule number is SR 5.1.8.5.B(3). That form also incorrectly cites the rule requiring withdrawal from all classes as SR 5.1.8.3, when the correct citation is SR 5.1.8.5.A(1). This form should be corrected.

Recommendation: that the Senate Council approve the proposed changes to the Senate Rules regarding retroactive withdrawal appeals and make the changes effective immediately and without further SREC input, and that the RW Application be revised accordingly by the Office of the Senate Council.

(Note from Sheila – Katherine McCormick, chair of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee, reports that both she and the committee as a whole approve of these changes.)