

Senate Council Meeting
May 14, 2007

Request for Waiver of *Senate Rule 5.1.8.5.A.2*

Student BC-53 was enrolled at UK during the fall 2004 semester. In April of that semester, he was involved in a vehicle collision that resulted in surgery and associate pain-management medications.

The student was able to complete the spring 2004 semester with the help and accommodation of three of his instructors; he earned passing grades in three courses. Two of his courses, though, were lecture-oriented and required more concentration and study – in those two courses he received an E.

During a consultation with an advisor in December 2006 for a degree audit, his advisor found out about his car accident. Until that meeting, the student was unaware of the retroactive withdrawal option available to students.

The college administrator with whom the student is working has requested a rule waiver on BC-53's behalf, because: 1) the student was unaware that he could request a retroactive withdrawal until after the two-year window was over; and 2) the advisor was unaware that the student had suffered a serious injury that might warrant a retroactive withdrawal.

Recommendation: that the Senate Council waive Senate Rules 5.1.8.5.A.2 (“two –year window”) for student BC-53, so long that his case is heard by the Senate’s Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee by July 16¹.

¹ Approximately two months from May 14, the date on which the waiver is requested.