

Senate Council
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Request from Student to waive the Retroactive Withdrawal Two-Year Rule

A student has contacted the Senate Council Chair to request a rule waiver so that their retroactive withdrawal may be reviewed by the RWA committee.

Background: The student is seeking a retroactive withdrawal from courses taken in 1987. That semester the student was involved in an auto accident which left the student's car totaled and the other driver had no insurance. The student had no transportation to work or school and the date to withdraw from classes had already passed. The student tried to contact professors, but there was no other option that the student knew of at the time. That inability to withdraw along with no medical attention due to lack of transportation and financial strains the student's GPA from that semester greatly suffered.

Now, the student has returned to school and has been taking classes to pursue a degree. The GPA of recent courses remains very high, but the semester from 1987 is bringing the GPA below what is required to be admitted into the degree program.