

Senate Council Meeting  
October 7, 2008

Rule Waiver Request - RWA Past "Two-Year Window"

Student PJ-61 submitted a request for waiver of the two-year rule to the Office of the Senate Council on September 28, 2008. The student states that one reason for the delay in submitting a completed RWA is "sickness/death of a family member during my freshman year (2005-2006)." A father figure to the student for over 10 years was diagnosed with kidney cancer and passed away seven months later (May 2006). The student made a four-hour round trip commute to the relative often during those months.

The student states that the death wasn't shared with the advisor because the student believed it to be a very personal issue. Until August 2008 the student was not aware of the possibility of retroactive withdrawal. The student writes, "*Had I not been so secretive and explained things to my advisor previously I would not be in this situation, but that is something I cannot change....I write you in request that you will understand my lack of willingness to discuss personal family matters with my advisor and allow me to apply for this retroactive withdrawal.*"

**Recommendation: that the Senate Council waive Senate Rule 5.1.8.5.A.2 ("two-year window") for student PJ-61, as long as the case is heard by the SRWAC by December 9, 2008.**