

Senate Council
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Request for Rule Waiver (*SR 5.3.1.1*) for WE-96

Student WE-96 requests permission to submit a repeat option for ENG 104, although the student is not currently enrolled (is on medical leave from the University).

ENG 104 was first taken in fall 2007 and the student received an E. The course was re-taken in the fall 2008 semester and the student received a B in the course. However, WE-96 was unaware that the repeat option could only be submitted while enrolled as a student. The student was under the impression that the correct procedure was to submit the form after the course had been completed.

The student is now on medical leave due to severe migraine headaches and the medications have cause side effects that that affect the student's ability to concentrate on studies. On the semester break between fall 2008 and spring 2009 the student went to the neurologist and he suggested trying to find a new medication combination that would be less inhibitive to studies. He suggested the student stay home in Pennsylvania while they try to change medications, etc.

The student intends to return to UK in the fall 2009 semester, but will have to reapply for admission. The student states, "It would improve my chances if the repeat option wiped out my prior failing grade and raised my GPA from a 2.25 to a 2.57." The student also states that in the case that the medication changes are not resolved by the fall 2009 semester, "the higher GPA will definitely make a difference in getting accepted at another school."

Recommendation: that the SC waive SR 5.3.1.1 for student WE-96.