

Senate Council
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Change to Composition of Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee

Background: The Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) was originally not a Senate committee – it was organized through the Disability Resource Center and was intended to hear cases of students with disabilities. As more and more students applied for retroactive withdrawals, and there were increasing numbers of students who came with non-disability issues, the committee was moved under the purview of the Senate so that it would be more of a faculty- and academic-based committee.

As years have passed, various individuals have attended SRWAC meetings to act as resource individuals. The current committee composition is as the SRWAC desires but differs from the composition described in the *Senate Rules*. The *Senate Rules* should be changed to include two additional nonvoting ex officio members.

Proposed Change:

1.4.3.2 Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) [US: 12/8/97]

A. The SRWAC shall consist of four members of the University Faculty and one student, plus a sufficient number of alternates, named by the Senate Council. A representative of the Associate VP for Employment Equity, a representative of the Counseling and Testing Center, a representative from the Advising Network, and a representative from the Assistant Dean of Students directing the Disability Resource Center, will serve as *ex officio* nonvoting members of the Committee

B. The Committee shall decide all student requests for retroactive withdrawals as provided by SR 5.1.8.5.

Recommendation: that the Senate Council approve the changes to the composition of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee, effective immediately.