**Senate Rules and Elections Committee**

**Dec. 17, 2013**

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1. The SREC codified the fall semester 2013 Senate actions into the University Senate Rules. The SREC also rendered several interpretations and made clerical revisions. The goal is to get the revised Senate Rules posted after the holiday period.

2. The SREC rendered an interpretation that there is no Senate Rule specifying that individual class periods are a certain number of minutes long on a certain number of days of the week (‘meeting pattern’). As long as the class schedule complies with the total amount of class time per credit hour for Senate approved courses, then the meeting pattern of all University classes and programs is an administrative matter to be coordinated across colleges by the Registrar. It was confirmed to the SREC that it had been drawn to the Provost’s attention that the Senate Council had recommendation that a single Registrar be made responsible for broad oversight and coordination of all University registrar activities.

3. The SREC rendered an interpretation that the time limitation on filing a retroactive withdrawal as codified in SR 5.1.8.5 does not allow the SWRAC to consider a retroactive withdrawal case regarding a student who last attended UK in 2000. The SREC also noted that, however, the Senate, or Senate Council acting in urgency on behalf of the Senate, has the authority to waive the time limitation rule, so that the SWRAC may consider and decide the merits of the case. The SREC recommends that the Senate Council be made aware of this particular case and of the option for waiver of the time limitation. If the time limitation rule becomes waived, all other procedural steps regarding the retroactive withdrawal process that must be followed.

4. The SREC discussed considerations that had arisen during the previous Senate Council meeting, concerning the draft In Memoriam Posthumous Degree. Jones will make a revised draft and circulate to the SREC.