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(Remove the red wording.) Add the blue wording.)

SR 5.2.4.2 (Excused Absences)

A student shall not be penalized for an excused absence.

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If an attendance policy is not stated in the course syllabus and attendance is not a criterion for a grade in the course, then the Instructor of Record shall not take any account of a student's excused or unexcused absences from class when assigning a grade. [US: 2/8/16]

If the course syllabus defines either policies that require elass attendance or a grade standard that determines a student's grade based in part on elass attendance, the following rule interpretation applies:

Excused Absences: If a student has excused absences in excess of one-fifth of class contact hours for that course, the student shall have the right to petition for a "W" as a Permissive Withdrawal (SR 5.1.8.3), or the Instructor of Record may award an "I" for the course if the student declines to petition for a "W" [US: 2/9/87; SREC: 11/20/87: US: 2/8/16].

Unexcused Absences: The Instructor of Record shall define any course policy relating to unexcused absences in the course syllabus. If a policy is not stated in the course syllabus or the policy does not allow for a penalty to the student, the Instructor of Record shall not penalize the student for any unexcused absences. [US: 2/8/16]