Senate Council November 20, 2017

Proposed Interpretation to Senate Rules 6.1.3.A ("Academic Evaluation")

Topic: Interpreting Midterm Date of Compressed Classes

Rationale: Consequent to this year's changes in SR 6.1.3.A regarding midterm academic evaluations for undergraduates (as below quoted), SREC discussed midterm interpretations for compressed courses, such as those that might meet for 4 hours for four consecutive Saturdays, as regards to when the midterm grades should be posted.

"A. All teachers must inform the undergraduate students in their courses of their current progress based on the criteria in the syllabus before the following dates: [US: 2/14/94; US: 4/10/2000; US: 2/27/2008]

the end of the Monday following the end of the ninth week for the fall or spring semester; [US:3/20/2017]

the third day of the fifth week for the eight-week summer term: the second day of the third week for the four-week summer term."

Proposed:

The SREC interpreted that "instructors of compressed classes need to determine what will reasonably constitute half of the coursework and class time, identify in the syllabus when that occasion will occur, and provide a midterm evaluation based on that determination."

This interpretation should be inserted as an asterisk for 6.1.3.A. in the Senate Rules."