

DRAFT SREC Minutes
Sept 9, 2019

Brion, Brown, Collett (Presiding), Grossman, Jones, Pienkowski, Wood

Unable to attend: McCormick, Wells

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2. Finalizing the revised Senate Rules

Davy Jones reviewed the Senate Rule 5.1.8.1 concerning policy on the deadline for unilateral withdrawal, after which permission of the dean is required. The current rule words the deadline for unilateral withdrawal in terms of the previous summer 4 week/8 week organization, despite that the Senate moved the University to a 12 week session (within which occur various compressed course lengths). The current rule itself is inconsistent as to when is the deadline for 4 week, 8 week and regular semester course organizations (55%, 60% and 73% of course length, respectively). The Registrar currently operationalizes this inconsistent and out of date rule wording by making the deadline be 70% of the course length, for any length of course. The SREC decided that resolution of the situation is not a matter of edit, but is a matter of substantive educational policy.

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The SREC also observed that a department wants to interpret that a "W" grade counts as taking a course for the purposes of limiting the number of attempts a student may make for a particular course. Discussion of this item was tabled for a later SREC meeting (see below).

Items for the Senate Council arising from the Sept 9, 2019 SREC Meeting

Item 1

RE: SR 5.1.8.1 on unilateral withdrawal

Background. The Senate Rule 5.1.8.1 concerns policy on the deadline for unilateral withdrawal, after which permission of the dean is required. The current rule words the deadline for unilateral withdrawal in terms of the previous summer 4 week/8 week organization, despite that the Senate moved the University to a 12 week session (within which occur various compressed course lengths). The current rule itself is inconsistent as to when is the deadline for 4 week, 8 week and regular semester course organizations (55%, 60% and 73% of course length, respectively). The Registrar currently operationalizes this inconsistent and out of date rule wording by making the deadline be 70% of the course length, for any length of course. The SREC decided that resolution of the situation is not a matter of edit, but is a matter of substantive educational policy.

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