

Action Item Recommendation from SREC to Senate Council/Senate

Re: Repeat Option for Grad Students Interpretation ([SR 5.3.2.2](#))

Background

An occasion arose in which SC Chair DeShana Collett and Registrar Kim Taylor sought an informal interpretation of the SREC on the meaning of the 'graduate student repeat option rule' (SR 5.3.2.2). After rendering an informal interpretation, the SC Chair and Registrar sought that the interpretation be formalized as an "*" interpretation in the Senate Rules. The SREC rendered that formal "*" interpretation at its Dec. 8, 2022 meeting. In so doing, the SREC decided to submit a proposal for Senate action to codify the formal interpretation into the Senate Rule itself (SR 5.3.2.2), which does require Senate action.

The following summarizes events that lead to the present SREC recommendation.

- Concern: Can a **graduate student** exercise a repeat option after graduating? The rule for *undergraduates* (SR 5.3.2.1) specifically answers this question in the negative: "A student may exercise the repeat option at any time prior to graduation and must be enrolled at UK." This same clarifying wording does not appear in the graduate student rule (that the Senate adopted in 1981).

Proposal

The SREC has adopted the following as a formal "*" interpretation, and here recommends that the Senate Council/Senate approve the codification into SR 5.3.2.2 as follows:

5.3.2.2 An [enrolled graduate](#) student may [exercise the](#) repeat [option on](#) a graduate course [prior to graduation, but not afterwards](#) and count only the second grade as part of the graduate GPA. This action will be initiated by petition of the Director of Graduate Studies to the Dean of the Graduate School, and may be used only once in a particular degree program or in postbaccalaureate status. [US: 9/14/1981]