# Permanent Change to Senate Rule 4.1 regarding Readmission of Undergraduate Students

The COVID-19 placed significant challenges on our current students.  Some needed to miss a semester or up to a year due to these challenges.  The Office of Undergraduate Admission presents the following request to the Senate for immediate review:  Strikethrough and add the additional italicized language to Senate Rule 4.1 on a permanent basis. **This changed was passed temporarily for spring and fall 2021 by Senate Council June – 2020 and was found to be a positive permanent change for full Senate consideration.**

## *4.1.1  APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND READMISSION*

*All applicants meeting the appropriate academic requirements shall be considered equally for admission to the University or to any college or academic program regardless of race, color, religion, sex, marital status or national origin. [US: 2/14/77] All applicants for admission to the University, and all University students who have not been enrolled for one or more semesters (except for students described in the next paragraph), must submit to the Admissions Office an official application for admission and supporting documents as described below.*

*Degree seeking students who have not been enrolled for up to two semesters (excluding summer) and have not earned college credits since the last enrollment at UK have the option of completing a condensed readmission application.*

**BACKGROUND:**

The University currently prohibits the registration of students who have not attended for the previous semester.  This essentially means these students are not eligible to register for classes for an upcoming term without reapplying for re-admission. Many of these students simply sit out for a semester and plan to return.  Many students do not have additional college credit upon returning to UK. This has been a common occurrence every semester, and has been detrimental to students both from a time perspective and financially.

**RATIONALE:**

The rationale for is to create a streamlined approach for students who simply sit or stop out for up to one year the ability to be readmitted and register for classes in a seamless manner.  We simply want to allow them to complete a condensed application and self -verify that they have not earned any college credit since being away from UK.  We would then allow them to attend a new student orientation, be advised and register for classes for the term they wish to come back.  The goal of Enrollment Management is to allow these students an easy transition back to UK. We have found that many of universities allow students to sit out for up to one full year (two semesters) without actually having to reapply for admission, to include Ohio State and the University of Texas.