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To: Senate
From: Policies and Procedures Committee
Re: Proposal to Change Course Withdrawal Regulations
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Change to Course Withdrawal Regulations

Proposed Change

The Committee proposes a change to the academic regulations regarding withdrawal from courses. It is proposed that the current regulations, initially developed through the Vancouver Senate, be modified by the inclusion of the underlined sentence:

Except in special circumstances, a one-term course may be added to a student's program only within the first two weeks of the course, and a two-term course within the first three weeks. If a course is dropped during these periods, no record of the registration in the course will appear on the student's academic record.

Students may withdraw from courses in which they are registered at any time up to the end of the sixth week of class for courses that are offered in a single term, and of the twelfth week for courses that span two terms. Beyond these dates, students may also withdraw from courses up to the eighth week for courses that are offered in a single term and the sixteenth week for courses that span two terms, by obtaining the written approval of the instructor and the Dean. Withdrawals will be noted on the academic record by a standing of 'W'. Such standings will not be included in computing averages. The withdrawal deadline dates for the current academic year are indicated in the accompanying tables in this part.

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Rationale

The change is intended to enable a Faculty, upon request from a student, to assign a standing of W beyond the dates that students may elect to withdraw from courses. Such circumstances may arise if there has been insufficient time to adequately evaluate a student's performance prior to the earlier withdrawal dates.