Introduction by: Undergraduate Academic Council

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**REVISION OF SEMESTER WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS HAVING LESS THAN A 2.0 CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE WHO WISH TO BE READMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING SEMESTER**

**IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:**

1. The University Senate approve the following revision in the withdrawal and readmission proposed by the Undergraduate Academic Council (revised wording in boldface):
   d. A student with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.0 who withdraws from the University more than 15 class days after the mid-point of the semester is not eligible for readmission for the following semester. Should the student wish to petition for readmission for the next term, the petition must be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies no later than the last day of finals as published in the Academic Calendar for the semester in which the withdrawal was initiated. (See Academic Calendar.)

2. The bill be referred to the President for approval.

3. The bill once approved take effect for the Fall 2003 semester.

**RATIONALE**

Last spring, the University Senate passed UAC's proposal extending the last day by which undergraduate students will be able to drop a semester-length course to "15 class days after the mid-term-point." (The deadlines to receive a grade of "W" in quarter (a.k.a. "8week") courses and in summer sessions courses were also extended "on a prorated basis.") It has since come to the Council's attention that the former, earlier deadline
date is still referenced in section d. within the policies governing an undergraduate student's withdrawal and readmission to the University (bolding has been added for emphasis):

  d. A student with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.0 who withdraws from the University one week or more after the mid-point of the semester is not eligible for readmission for the following semester. Should the student wish to petition for readmission for the next term, the petition must be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies no later than the last day of finals as published in the Academic Calendar for the semester in which the withdrawal was initiated. (See Academic Calendar.)

It probably is not critically important that the highlighted portion above be changed, particularly since students with less than a 2.0 cumulative gpa withdrawing at any time within a semester will need to petition through the Dean's office for readmission by the Committee on Academic Standing of UAC, whether they met or missed the old deadline.

Nevertheless, the UAC and the University Senate had originally set that deadline to coincide with the last day to drop a semester-length course and, if only to avoid possible confusion, there seems to be no good reason not to modify the withdrawal from the University deadline to match.

Therefore, the Undergraduate Academic Council recommends that the policy quote above be modified to read:

  d. A student with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.0 who withdraws from the University more than 15 class days after the mid-point of the semester is not eligible…[etc.]

There being no ex post facto concerns, since this is an extension of the existing deadline, the UAC further recommends that the policy if approved go into effect immediately for this fall semester.