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REVISION TO THE “LAST DAY FOR UNDERGRADUATES TO DROP A COURSE”

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the “Last Day to drop a course” for Undergraduate students be changed to 15 class days after the mid-term-point for semester length courses.
2. That the last day to drop quarter courses and summer courses for undergraduates be on a prorated basis, determined by the length of the course in question.
3. That this change become effective with the Fall 2003 semester
4. That this bill be forwarded to the President for approval.

Rationale:

UAC believes that the deadline for dropping a course and receiving a W should be extended to 15 class days after the midterm point (with summer and quarter courses changed proportionally) for the following reasons:

- (1) Because every course has its own internal logic and the timing of student evaluations cannot be established by anyone other than the professor of the course, students often have not received an evaluation of their work by the current W deadline date and therefore cannot make an informed decision;
- (2) Because students may have only just received an evaluation at the time of the current deadline and not have had time to consult with faculty or other advisers about their potential in the course; and
- (3) Because students may otherwise withdraw completely from Albany to avoid failing some of their courses when they could be making academic progress in the rest of them.