

Background and rational:

According to present rules grades of E given as a result of academic offenses cannot be excluded from the GPA calculation by Repeat Option.

Similarly one would think that an E given as a result of an academic offense should not be turned into a W if retroactive withdrawal is granted.

The Retroactive Withdrawal committee chair says they do not check and see if Es under consideration are due to academic offenses.

The Registrar says if retroactive withdrawal is granted, they would change any E, including those given as a result of academic offenses, to Ws.

The chair of Retroactive Withdrawal committee says she thinks retroactive withdrawals would not apply to Es given as a result of academic offenses. And so does the chair of the University Appeals Board.

Therefore I am proposing the following.

(An alternative proposal could be to disallow retroactive withdrawal applying to an E as a result of academic offense altogether.

5.1.8.5 Retroactive Withdrawal: Withdrawals initiated after the last day of classes for the semester are governed by this rule (US: 12/8/97; US 4/12/99)

A. Requirements

(1) Typically, a student may withdraw from a given semester only if the withdrawal is from all classes.

(2) A grade of E assigned as a result of an academic offence may be changed to a W only by a petition to the University Appeals Board and only after a retroactive withdrawal for the semester in which the E was assigned is granted. In evaluating such petition, the student must demonstrate that the hardships enumerated in item (3) below also resulted in the academic offense in a manner that the student's culpability is severely diminished as a result.

(23) Requests for retroactive withdrawals may not be granted after a student has graduated or beyond two calendar years from the last day of classes for the semester for which the withdrawal is requested.

(34) Retroactive withdrawals may be granted only when the student has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that the student has incurred:

- (a) a serious injury or illness
- (b) serious personal or family problems
- (c) serious financial difficulties; or
- (d) permanent disability verified by the Disability Resource Center and diagnosed after the semester for which the withdrawal is requested

(5) The number of withdrawal applications submitted to and number of those granted by the Retroactive Withdrawal committee along with a breakdown by college for each academic year (July 1st to June 30th) shall be submitted to the Senate on a yearly basis.