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Lee and Sheila,

There are a number of items that have come before the Senate Rules and Elections Committee during the past year, for which the SREC determined that action by the Senate Council was needed toward a final resolution. I have collected five of these (attached here in two parts), with a summary of each issue at the time of the SREC meeting, and the SREC recommendation to the Senate Council. I ask that these issues, titled below, be considered at the indicated Senate Council meeting.

Nov. 20 SC Meeting

**ISSUE 1: Clarification Senate Rule on Duplicate Credit
ISSUE 2: Contradiction Within Senate Rule on Retroactive Withdrawal**

Nov. 27 SC Meeting

**ISSUE 3: Codification of Senate policies on UK Core into Senate Rules
ISSUE 4: Unclear Senate Policy on Graduate Writing Requirement
ISSUE 5: Unclear Senate Policy on Foreign Language Admissions Requirement**

(I must leave each SC meeting by 4:15).

Thanks.

**Davy Jones, Chair
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ISSUE 1: Clarification Senate Rule on Duplicate Credit

The SREC recommends to the Senate Council the following.

A. That the University Senate replace the text of SR 5.1.9.B with a reference to SR 5.3.1.2

B. That the position of SR 5.3.1.2 be moved to the location that would be numbered as SR 5.3.0.1, with a heading denoting both undergraduate and graduate programs, so that the effect will be that the text of SR 5.3.0.1 will then come to expressly apply to both undergraduate and graduate programs.

5.1.9 GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

A. GPA is the ratio of the number of quality points gained to the number of credit hours (whether earned or not) in courses for which the grades of A, B, C, D, or E were conferred, excluding grades in developmental or remedial courses. [US: 3/9/98; US 4/10/00; US: 9/10/01]

B. If a student repeats a course in which a grade of “B” or better has been received, any subsequent grades of “B” or better and credit hours earned for those courses (if any) shall be ignored in computing the student’s grade point average, unless the repeat option has been exercised according to Rule 5.3.1.1. A student does not repeat a course within the meaning of this rule if he or she only repeats the same course number where there are multiple topics, subtitles, independent study, or other courses allowed by the student’s program using a common course number. [US: 4/13/98]

* SR 5.3.1.2 overrides SR 5.1.9.B to the extent that any contradiction may exist between them. [SREC: 10/25/12]

C. Credit hours are considered as earned only if a grade of A, B, C, D, P or S was conferred.

5.3.0 REPEAT OPTION, SCHOLASTIC PROBATION, SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT

5.3.1 STUDENTS IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

5.3.1.1 Repeat Option [US: 11/14/83; US: 4/13/87; US: 11/14/88; US: 4/23/90;

5.3.1.2 Prohibition of Duplicate Credit [US: 10/8/07]

A student may earn credit hours and associated quality points for a course only once unless the course is designated as repeatable. A student who nonetheless has enrolled more than once for the same nonrepeatable course will be awarded credit hours and associated quality points only for the first time the course is completed during the student’s academic career, regardless of the source (e.g. transfer, A.P., etc.) unless the student properly exercises the Repeat Option under SR 5.3.1.1.

ISSUE 2: Contradiction Within Senate Rule on Retroactive Withdrawal

The SREC examined the situation of SR 5.1.8.5.A, subsection 2 vs. subsection 5. The SREC interpreted that the inclusion of “XE” in subsection 2 creates a contradiction with subsection 5. However, the available record is not clear on why “XE” is present in subsection 2, i.e., is this a typographical error or is there a presently indiscernible substantive intent to include “XE” in subsection 2, and the error was in not also amending subsection 5 to be compatible with subsection 2. *The SREC recommends that the matter to submitted to the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee.*

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 or XE 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 (4) below also resulted in the academic offense in a manner that the student’s culpability is severely diminished as a result. [US: 4/10/2006]
- 3.** Requests for retroactive withdrawals shall be made of the Dean of the college in which the student was enrolled at the time the classes were taken. The complete request shall be made before a student has graduated and not later than two calendar years from the last day of classes for the semester for which the withdrawal is requested. The fully complete request shall be submitted using the University Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Application, which includes a form on which an instructor can offer feedback, along with the documentation required by the University Senate as described on that form (<http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/forms.htm>). [US: 4/9/07; 5/7/07]
- 4.** 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.** Retroactive withdrawal from a class in which an XE or XF has been imposed shall not be granted.