

Senate Council
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Motion Regarding Provisional Approval

Background: There are times when a department/college puts forward a course proposal (new, change, or drop) or a program change and the approval process is not completed by an anticipated or required date.

The suggestion is to have wording to delegate that authority to the current Senate Council Chair, so that the delegation sunsets, and the Senate Council can affirmatively renew that delegation annually if desired.

Recommendation: *for the 2015-16 academic year, if a course proposal or program change approval situation is so urgent that it cannot await approval via the 10-day web transmittal posting, but it has received all necessary department and/or college faculty approvals and the approval of at least one academic council, then the SC Chair may provisionally approve the course proposals and program changes for a single initial semester so long as the Chair reports that action to the SC and University Senate at the next possible meeting. The course cannot be taught again, nor can the program change be considered final, until the proposals finish the remaining post-college approval steps, nor may the Chair render a second provisional approval for the same item(s).*