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Sheila, At this coming Monday's Senate Council meeting, I will appraise the SC of the discussions with the Senate Rules and Elections Committee about the following two matters

Excused Absences

The Senate Rule 5.2.4.2 states an excused absence for:

"C. Trips for members of student organizations sponsored by an educational unit, trips for University classes, and trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, including club sports registered with the university as well as varsity sports."

Issues:

1. Which of the following (if either) captures the meaning of the italicized portion of the above rule:

- [**Trips for members of student organizations**] [**sponsored by an educational unit**]...

(i.e., the educational unit makes a decision as to whether the proposed trip by the student organization will be an excused absence from all classes)

Or

-[**Trips**] [**for members of student organizations sponsored by an educational unit**]

(i.e., once a student organization becomes "sponsored" by the educational unit, then without any further educational unit approval, the student group has a standing authority to self-declare future trips for its members that are excused absences from all classes).

2. What action constitutes "sponsored by an educational unit" within the meaning of the above rule?

Take Home Exams

The Senate Rule 5.2.4.8 states:

"Exams other than final exams must be given during a regular scheduled class meeting time unless approved by the department chair or a common exam has been scheduled for all sections of the course."

Issue:

Does the phrase "approval by the department chair" mean

-ad hoc approval on each occasion?

-Standing approval for a class of that course taught that semester by that instructor?

-Standing approval for all classes of that course taught that semester by any instructor?

-Standing approval for all classes of that course taught at any time by that instructor?

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