

Senate Council
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Motion to Enact Ability of Senate Council Chair to Offer Provisional Approval for Courses

Background: There are times when a department/college puts forward a course proposal (new or 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 will affirmatively need to renew that delegation if it so desires. In other words, the SC will need to make this motion annually, which will help avoid a situation in which a future Senate Council Chair future has accrued delegation by practice of various unilateral powers, but no one seems to remember where those powers came from.

Recommendation: *that the Senate Council move that If a course approval situation is so urgent that it cannot await approval by an academic council and/or the 10-day web transmittal posting, but it has received all necessary department and/or college faculty approvals, then the Senate Council Chair may provisionally approve the course for a single initial semester, and report that action at the next Senate Council and University Senate meetings.*