

**SREC Action Items to Senate Council Office  
From March 1 and March 10, 2021 SREC Meetings**

**Action Item From March 1, 2021 SREC Meeting**

The SREC noted that the University Senate Rules, for educational policy purposes, contain in the excused absence rule (SR 5.2.5.2.1) reference to “student organizations sponsored by an educational unit.” The SREC also noted that Administrative Regulation 4:1, for administrative purposes, references “student organizations.” The SREC also noted that AR 4:1 is under administrative consideration for revision.

In full, the provision of SR 5.2.5.2.1 provides the educational policy that the following is an ‘excused’ absence (bold emphasis added here):

“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.

The SREC had much discussion about the meaning of “student organizations sponsored by an educational unit” in the above Senate Rule, and about the current AR 4.1 on ‘student organizations,’ and about the drafted revisions for administrative purposes to AR 4:1 that were assessed by the University Regulations Committee in December 2020.

The SREC discussed what does “educational unit” mean, what does “sponsored by” mean, and the Senate’s jurisdiction to promulgate an excused absence educational policy concerning “student organizations.” The SREC decided that the issue involved substantive policy that was not discernable by the SREC as a simple matter of SREC interpretation.

**The SREC voted 4 (Collett, Brion, Brown, Jones) to 1 (Grossman) for the SREC to ask the Senate Council to appropriately task a substantive consideration of the educational policy that the Senate has, or intends, exists in this provision of the Senate Rule 5.2.5.2.1.**