

Transmission of PROPOSAL to Senate Report

Background Information for Proposal	
<i>Agenda Item Name:</i>	Request for waiver of SR 5.1.7.5.1 (“Retroactive Withdrawals,” “Requirements”)
<i>Rationale for proposal:</i>	<p>The College of Communication and Information is requesting a waiver SR 5.1.7.5.1 (also known as the “two-year rule”) for two retroactive withdrawal applications from Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 for student HA-65. Former SC Chair Aaron Cramer provided guidance to the deans during the 2021-2022 academic year for requesting such waivers pertaining to the two-year rule. He described a process by which a dean could make such a request on behalf of the student, if the dean felt the circumstances were particularly extraordinary. There are a number of factors that contribute to this request, including administrative oversight and particularly extraordinary personal circumstances for the student. The SC Chair met with Dean Greer on January 17, 2023, to discuss the request. The college provided information to the SC office about the timeline and the student’s situation. The student was misadvised by the college about partial requests; this was clarified by the SC office to the college and communicated to the student. On June 24, 2021, the college informed the student that the SRWAC “will no longer consider a partial withdrawal appeal.” This was corrected by the college and communicated to the student on August 30, 2021. The student attempt to submit a Fall 2019 request during this time, but experienced severe personal and family difficulties that prevented the student from successfully doing so. For the Spring 2020 request: all materials had been submitted to the college within the appropriate timeframe except for Instructor Feedback Forms. The college confirmed confirmation of these materials on April 21, 2022, but these materials were not transmitted to the Senate Council office.</p>
<i>General description and type of proposal:</i>	<p>SR waiver It requests a waiver</p>
<i>Reviewing body and chair:</i>	<p>Senate Council office Katie Silver,</p>
<i>Proposer’s name and affiliation:</i>	<p>Jennifer Greer College of Communication and Information Dean</p>
<i>Committee Would Like:</i>	Ready for a vote
<i>Involve Senate Rules change?</i>	No