



USU Board of Directors

Policy on Adding and Dropping Classes

To Whom It May Concern,

The University Student Union Board of Directors is strongly opposed to the change of Academic Policy Manual 231 (Adding and Dropping Class), which includes changing the drop deadline from four weeks to three weeks. Making this change would be a disservice to the students because they will not have enough time to experience a course and make an educated decision about whether they would want to continue or drop the class.

We have discussed this topic with our Associate Students Incorporated (ASI) President Abby Hudson, and we think that a reasonable alternative would be to have a lenient deadline after two weeks with the ability to drop during the third and fourth week of classes if you receive a permission number or signature from the faculty member. This would give students the opportunity to try out a class further into the semester. Sometimes students get new jobs, internships, or other classes open up, and they may want to switch their schedule. By only allowing students to drop during the first three weeks, students may add a class and attend for one day, but would not be able to drop the class after this date.

We feel that changing the drop deadline to three weeks would be a great disservice to students at Fresno State.

Thank you,

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