



- a. Reviewed content of system wide policy on Course Withdrawals.

Limits number of “W” grades to 18 for entire course of study.

Withdrawing from all classes during the semester counts as 6 units of “W” grade.

Specifies that campuses may be more restrictive.

- b. Identified Implications for (APM 231).

Currently, there is no limit on the number of course withdrawals. (APM 231) will need to define the limit as 18 (or less).

- c. Discussion.

Fresno State, as an institution, seeks to provide a valuable education to qualified students who prioritize taking advantage of opportunities for learning provided in their courses. In order to do so for the maximum number of students, the University should limit opportunities to remediate academic problems for students, who do not commit sufficient time and effort to their coursework. At the same time, the university should support students who demonstrate a commitment to their own academic success when they encounter unexpected hardships.

There is a need for data based decision making regarding a reasonable number of units needed for an ultimately successful student to graduate and the number of W units that limit unsuccessful students. Chair Edmondson will explore mechanisms for obtaining such data.

The committee needs to know about other support mechanisms and strategies (besides a grade of “W”) that are available to students who are having hardships that interfere with their academic performance. Chair Edmondson will invite Linda Gannoway of the Learning Resource Center to our next committee meeting.

Suggestion – Recommend that the university does not develop policy limiting more restrictive than 18 units. Rationale – there are differential consequences for students in majors with 3 unit classes and 4/5 unit classes.

Support for the 18 unit limit and a suggestion to recommend a mandatory advising session after a certain number of “W” units would help students avoid having to consume all of their allotted 18 units, while promoting academic success and improving retention and graduating rates.

Discussion to be continued during the next meeting.

5. Implications for New System Wide Policy on “Course Repeats” for (APM233).

Reviewed content of current policy on course repeats (APM 233).

Reviewed content of systemwide policy.

Discussion of implications of systemwide policy for (APM 233) deferred until next meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 4/2/2008.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Tosha Giuffrida, SupportNet Coordinator, and Ashley Hedemann, SupportNet Advisor.
5. Review of pending committee business.
6. Committee meeting schedule for the remainder of the semester.