Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting  
March 4, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

I. Attendance  
b. Nonvoting members present: Therese Kucera, Anne Reber, Cindy Smith, Kayla Brumley  
c. Guests: Martha Dannenbaum, Jim Fish

II. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 by Dave Parrott.

III. Approval of minutes from meeting on January 15, 2016  
Motion – A. Mitchell; Second – J. Dannenbaum; Approved – Unanimously

IV. Status of pending rule revisions  
a. Dave Parrott reviewed status of rule revisions as listed on agenda

V. New Business  
a. Committee Meeting Dates  
i. Cindy Smith explained request to change meeting date of the Student Rules and Regulations Committee  
1. Faculty Senate requires agenda items to be submitted prior to the regularly scheduled Student Rules and Regulations Committee meetings.  
2. Proposal to change Student Rules and Regulations Committee meetings to the first Friday of every month beginning with the June 3, 2016 meeting.  
3. Committee agreed to changes in meeting schedule

b. Rule 12: Scholastic Deficiency/Probation  
i. Justification explained by Maxine Harrington  
1. JD students who have been dismissed for scholastic deficiency can restart their program  
2. Since first year of law school is lock-step, students re-take first semester courses.  
3. Since courses are being re-taken, a GPA of 2.33 will be required to achieve good standing by the end of the first semester.  
4. Proposed changes in the rule are reflective of this practice.

ii. Approval of rule 12 changes  
Motion – K. Boyd; Second – J. Dannenbaum; Approved as Amended - Unanimously

c. Rule 7: Attendance  
i. Justification explained by SRRC-subcommittee member – Melinda Grant  
1. The form Texas A&M University Explanatory Statement for Absence from Class was created in 2006 and was developed as an option for students to use to give as a confirmation of illness.  
2. Presently the form is neither utilized by students nor is it accepted by faculty as an excuse for absence.  
3. Subcommittee is continuing to work on several aspects of this rule, as there are more revisions that need to be made.
4. Subcommittee will solicit student member’s input and work with faculty and Student Health Services to continue revisions.
5. Revisions will effective next fall if approval is obtained by President
6. Recommendation of subcommittee to strike section a. of 7.1.6.2 
   ii. Approval of motion to strike section a., but to table rule to allow for other part of the rules to be revised.
      Motion – M. Grant; Second – C. Nygren; Approved as Amended, Tabled for Further Revisions - Unanimously

d. Rule 7: Attendance
   i. Martha Dannenbaum explained the telehealth services. It is becoming more common and widespread.
   ii. Chris Nygren asked for proposed wording to be changed to require notes be able to be verified.
   iii. Wording on section b changed to include: “and contact information to verify authenticity and accuracy of documentation.”
   iv. Approval of the motion to change to Rule 7.1.6.2.b, but to table rule to allow for other part of the rules to be revised.
   v. Motion – C. Nygren; Second – A. Mitchell; Approved as Amended, Tabled for Further Revisions - Unanimously

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm
Approved Unanimously