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JUSTIFICATION

Updating text to reflect current procedures for approval of student Q-Drop requests. Majority of Q-Drop requests are submitted on line through Howdy by the student and only required approval of student's advisor or college or department representative in order to be processed. This request for revision goes along with the request for revisions to Rule 10.3,

Rule 1.18 Student Registration

1.18 Change in Schedule

1.18.1 A student may enroll in a class during the first five class days of the fall or spring semesters or during the first four class days of the summer terms or a 10-week summer semester. A student requesting to add a course after these deadlines must have the approval of the student's [Dean or designee](#) and department.

1.18.2 A student may drop a course with no record during the first twelve class days of a fall or spring semester and during the first four class days of a summer term or a 10-week summer semester. Following this period, if approved by the ~~Dean or designee of the College~~ or ~~their designated department designee~~, a student may drop a course without

academic penalty through the 60th class day of a fall or spring semester, the 15th class day of summer term or the 35th class day of a 10-week summer semester. The symbol Q shall be given to indicate a drop without academic penalty. Undergraduate students will normally be permitted four Q-drops during their undergraduate studies at Texas A&M University, regardless of transfer status. State law prohibits students from having more than six dropped courses from all state institutions attended during their undergraduate career if they entered higher education as first-time enrolled freshman beginning the 2007 fall semester and thereafter. For exceptions see Rule 1.19.

1.18.3 Courses Q-dropped must have approval of the student's ~~Dean or designee~~ college or designated department as determined by the respective college.

1.18.4 Undergraduate students will normally be permitted four Q-drops during their undergraduate studies; however: State law prohibits students from having more than six dropped courses from all state institutions attended during their undergraduate career. Q-drops in one-hour courses will not count in the Texas A&M limit of four but will be included in the State-mandated limit of six dropped courses. If a lecture and companion lab are dropped at the same time, this will count as one Q-drop rather than two.