

# Student Rules & Regulations Committee

September 6, 2024  
3:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Koldus 110/Zoom Meeting



**Review and approval of Minutes for June 7, 2024. Edits to some spelling requested,  
Motion to approve as corrected by Venesa Heidick, second by Dale Rice, motion passes unanimously**

**Status of pending rule revisions {Dr. Harrell to review}**

- a) **Rule 5 – Change of Curriculum**
  - i) Forwarded to Faculty Senate on June 10, 2024
- b) **Rule 16.1.1 – University Honors Program**
  - ii) Updated on Website June 12, 2024

**Kristen reviewed**

**New Business**

**Rule 18.1.5 Payment of Fees and Charges**

**Discussion: removing 18.1.5, suggested renumbering sub-rules via friendly amendment,**

**Decision: moved to renumber and amend rule as written by Angie Hill Price second by Chris Cherry, motion passed**

**Rule 7 – (Introduction) Attendance: notification of absence for distance education**

**Discussion: Why the need to have this, should be on syllabus, encourage faculty to consider when writing syllabus, if this is accepted could put the onus on faculty**

**Decision: moved to decline made by Angie Hill Price, second by Chris Cherry, one abstention, motion passed**

**Rules 7.3.1.1 & 7.3.1.5 – Absences and Documentation: Absence Verification & selectively choosing to attend class**

**Discussion: Red-line changes have been reviewed & supported by AOC Deans**

**Decision: Angie Hill Price moved to approve, second by Chris Cherry, motion passes**

**Rule 7.2.2 – Excused Absences**

**Discussion: Angie Hill Price does not support rule change, cannot prove student is on Transportation Services bus, already have a venue (providing documentation) where transportation is an issue; Amanda Ratliff, submitter: there is avenue for documenting if a student is on the bus or infrastructure issues. Submitter gave several examples where she is doing what she can but due to circumstances beyond submitter's control regarding Transportation Services, submitter is being penalized. This seems to be inequitable in favor of students who ride the bus: blanket rule excused absence for only students riding bus as opposed to students who drive to campus who also experience issues, Foolhardy to adopt a rule that can't be enforced, from a legal standpoint: don't make language/rules for transportation that are legally binding,**

**There is coverage for not getting to campus in 7.2.2.10,**

**Jennifer Lightfoot: Need feedback from Transportation Services. Has experienced/observed same Transportation Services issue but feels it needs to be addressed through Transportation Services, not necessarily through Student Rule 7.2.2**

**Transportation Services: Difficult to track who's on a bus that was late, major traffic everyone in town deals with, transportation tries to have increase service beginning of semester as people are adjusting to new schedules,**

**Decision: Table until committee student representation is present to give input on adjusting the rule. Return to submitter to explore issues with Transportation services. Get submitter in touch with SGA student reps, Angie Hill Price**

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to contact Transportation Services. Kristen Harrell to touch base with submitter. Move to send back to submitter for further review by Angie Hill Price, second by Jacob Becker, motion passes

## Rule 20 – Academic Misconduct

Discussion: Rearranging/clarifying but not changing process, clarification so students know what to expect, eg: six different ways information is named: Honor System, Aggie Code of Honor, Aggie Honor Code, Academic Misconduct, etc., changed it to honor system rules regarding the Aggie Code of Honor,

20.1.4.2 change “usual” to “expected”, “standard”, Blair Alvarado suggests keeping it because first violation can be harsher or lesser. Usual gives autonomy to strike a balance between all involved. Verbiage: use “standard” and “a lesser penalty may be imposed.” What equitable standards/consistency are used when faculty determines whether to apply lesser penalties? Varies, Faculty has autonomy on determining severity of violation.

Decision: Move to change “usual” to “standard” in 20.1.4.2 bullet 1 and 2 of this section by Angie Hill Price, second by Dale Rice, passes unanimously,

Discussion: 20.1.1.2 third ¶, records need to be defined. Move to add “academic misconduct” to define records by Venesa Heidick, second by Chris Cherry, motion passes for friendly amendment

20.1.4.5 Discussion: change grade point ratio to grade point average (grammatical change)

20.1.4.7 Discussion: change degree plan/program to transcript in two places in ¶ 3

20.1.2.2.9 Rule 15.99.03.M1 – Change Responsible Conduct in Research and Scholarship to Ethics in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work, friendly edit

20.2.4.1 section 4: Discussion: Jacob Becker, Disagrees with the restriction that attorney may not be an advisor; Susan Phillips concurs; a parent attorney can serve in the capacity of parent, not an attorney; What is the purpose of excluding attorneys from academic cases vs. conduct cases? To make university staff more comfortable during hearings, not a good reason; Could be perceived that students who can afford an attorney are at an advantage over those who can't, lack of equity; If students who have attorney are found not responsible more than students who don't have an attorney, That's legit reason for not allowing attorneys as advisors.

Restorative justice/educational process for benefit of student going through misconduct process, attorneys speaking for them bypasses the learning opportunity.

University needs to be more mindful that we should be leveling the playing field, making sure due process for all students is equitable

Outcomes shouldn't be different based on whether an attorney is an advisor or not.

If attorneys are allowed as advisors for students, panel should have a University attorney to advise them.

Angie Hill Price move to approve Section 20.2.4.1 Student Rights bullet 4 pertaining to advisors, second by Dale Rice, in favor 6, opposed 3, abstain 1, motion passes

Susan Phillips move to modify language to add a clause that parents, regardless of profession may be allowed to serve as advisors, second by Jacob Becker: In favor 6, opposed 2, abstain 1, one voting member choosing not to vote, motion passes

20.2.1 Organization and Procedures: addition of the Assistant Director, Academic Integrity Administrators and Administrative Coordinator

20.2.3.1 Responsibilities: add Staff, so students, staff, and faculty will serve on the Honor Council

20.2.3.2 Membership: add University Staff

20.2.3.3 Terms of the Honor Council: Replacement of faculty members who resign or are removed **may be recommended by the Honor Council Advisory Committee** ~~is made by the Faculty Senate~~ for the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

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**This needs to be approved by FS since these are elected positions. There are Faculty Members begging to serve somewhere, need to find way to communicate need to caucus leaders. Executive Committee**

**Move to revise language to: May be recommended by the Honor Council Advisory Committee with approval from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee by Angie Hill Price**

**second by Dale Rice, submitter concurs, motion passes**

**Discussion re bullet 6: Active **staff or student** friendly edit**

**20.1.5.2 section 15 Graduation with Latin Honors – insert URL link to reference rule,**

**Submitter will include links and URLs for this section, without quoting specific language and bring back to Committee**

**Move to Suspend discussion to next meeting by Heather Klein, second Chris Cherry, motion passes**

**2) Committee Vacancy Memberships**

**a) Angie Hill Price to update on Faculty Rep**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm**

**Notes/Action Items: Amended version of Rule 20 with today's revisions will be sent to Committee members before next meeting.**