

# Student Rules & Regulations Committee

April 4, 2025  
3:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Koldus 110/Zoom Meeting



## No Quorum

**Voting members in attendance:** Jacob Becker, Chris Cherry, Venesa Heidick, Angie Hill Price, Heather Klein, Jennifer Lightfoot, Rob Rahm, Eshani Yeragi

**Non-voting members in attendance:** Blair Alvarado, Lori Moore

**Guests in attendance:** Alexander Stinson, Jillian Anderson, Claudia Garrett, Kristie Orr

**Updates by Dr. Harrell on Rule 14.2 and Rule 20: Approved by President Welsh 2/24/25, updated on website**

### a) Rule 7.2.2.10 Attendance

**Discussion:** Why isn't this defined under health rule and what we are already doing? Submitter explained the donation typically applies to nonfamily member and it's an elected procedure, goal is to facilitate an easier route/remove barriers for college-age donors to donate, have worked with students at other institutions where faculty has declined absence. Submitter explained pre-donation and donation activities, both which require time away.

Dr. Rahm: doesn't see harm in having this particular rule, should professor say no it's awkward for student to go above professor's head, Is an outlined schedule available so students can give advance notice to professors? Dr. Harrell: There are some requirements in student rules for documentation.

Submitter explained National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) calendar, NMDP sets donation date a month in advance, students can notify professors, Submitter will share calendar with committee members

Dr. Rahm: possibly add "student needs to work schedule out with professor" or something similar.

Dr. Price: send it back to submitter to spell out differently regarding pre-donation activities, this could apply to all kinds of donations: organ, stem cell, etc., students need a certain percentage of attendance to get credit for class. Dr. Harrell stated Military says 25% attendance for class credit.

Dr. Cherry: utmost of selfless service, on board with this but make it broader and expand to other types of donations, excluding plasma/blood/platelets.

Submitters explained they focused on stem cell donation because they are familiar with NMDP procedures and not necessarily other donation organizations.

Possibly get AOC Deans involved

Dr. Cherry willing to help submitters revamp the rule change proposal.

**Decision: Return to submitter to broaden and specify steps**

### b) Rule 24.5 Bias-Related Violations

**Discussion:** jurisdiction under CRT9, not under purview of student rules, oddly placed at this time-relying on the civil rights policy 0 8 0 1 0 1 m 1. Jurisdictional issue: SR 24 falls under VP for Student Affairs delegated down to Student Community Standards and Student Conduct Office. If there's indication that behavior is precipitated by bias, it goes to Civil Rights Office.

Submitter reasons why keep SR24 if CRT9 is the only one handling bias related incidents.

Concern expressed about optics to remove this rule without context of this discussion; suggestion to keep it and add statement that bias related violations are handled by CRT9

**Decision: Dr. Harrell to circle back with submitter**

### c) Rule 5.2.3 Change of Curriculum

**Discussion:** Submitter explained rationale for submitting rule

concern expressed of challenge that faculty members face, faculty aren't unsympathetic but can't always make a decision, quickly for degree capacity for several reasons.

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Comment was made: sounds like a specific solution to a specific problem, not sure a change to a student rule addresses this issue,

Submitter: Sea term attached to his major, he gets on boat on May 10, grades don't come out till May 12, has a big impact financially as he won't know if he can get into desired major until after he has committed to Sea Term.

Question asked if this a common worry? Submitter said no,

Suggestion made to approach Sea term advisor to discuss to find more targeted solution

Dr. Harrell: gave submitter options: go back and see if other students are impacted or other ways to handle this,

Withdraw rule, or add to rule

**Decision: Return to submitter, Venesa Heidick willing to work with submitter on this**

## **d) Rule 11 Distinguished Students**

**Discussion:** Dr. Jennifer Dulin, on behalf of submitter, explained context for rule: there's a barrier for students with disabilities, if taking less than 15 hrs but still considered full-time based on accommodations, to be eligible for Dean's List even when meeting all other requirements. Only school in SEC with such stringent requirements.

Comment made that faculty has been comfortable leaving it at 15 hours, clear guidance for students with disability accommodations according to federal guidelines,

Submitter: this is an unnecessary barrier to students with disabilities going out for Distinguished Students award.

Requests verbiage added "if the student has received full time status accommodations through Disability Resources, this can render them eligible to be on Dean's List, Distinguished Students,

Dr. Cherry: List from registrar office on full time status accommodations, registrar creates list based on what deans give them,

Suggestion made to get feedback from Julie Kuder,

Dr. Orr: 6-12 hours is full time status for disability accommodations

Dr. Dulin: Julie Kuder is the one who denied student's request to be eligible for dean's list. It takes inordinate amount of time and energy/extra hurdles for students with disabilities to be considered eligible for distinguished student.

**Decision: Dr. Dulin will return with Abbi next month, Julie Kuder will be invited**

## **e) Rule 57.6.1 Undergraduate Academic Appeals**

**Discussion:** Submitter: make consistent with rule 59 (Graduate academic appeals panel) to five days. AOC is on board with this proposal.

**Decision: No decision, no further discussion**

## **f) Rule 8.3 Examinations**

**Discussion:** This proposed change came out a committee from AOC,

Suggested verbiage "During the week final exams start in accordance with the university academic calendar"

Eshani: students with accommodations? Make up exams?

The term regular course examinations in the rule speaks to Eshani's comment

**Decision:** Submitter will take back to AOC for ok on the verbiage above. Revisit in May meeting for fall implementation

**Discussion regarding change of date/time for Rules & Regs regular meeting time.**

**Move to last Friday of month from first Friday of the month.**

**Moving to earlier time?**

**Revisit next month,**