

# Student Rules & Regulations Committee

May 12, 2025

12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Koldus 110/Zoom Meeting



**"For the love of all that is holy, miracle of all miracles, we have quorum. There was much rejoicing..."**

**Dr. Kristen Harrell**

**Voting Members in Attendance:** Jacob Becker, Jerry Brown, Chris Cherry, Angie Hill Price, Bridgette Ingram, Heather Klein, Jennifer Lightfoot, Susan Phillips, Rob Rahm, Dale Rice, Trent Smith, Grace Townsend, Seth Gerberding, Venesa Heidick

**Non-voting Members in Attendance:** Neil Golemo, Darla Guerra, Shelby Hearn

**Guests in Attendance:** Jillian Anderson, Claudia Garrett, Jennifer Dulin, Jennifer Smith, Kristie Orr, Julie Kuder, Abbi Evans

Minutes from past meetings were not reviewed as the priority is on the pending rules.

## **a) Rule 7.2.2.10 - Attendance**

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Decision:** Heather Klein move to approve, Rob Rahm seconded, passed by majority with show of hands, will forward to Faculty Senate for June agenda

## **b) Rule 11 - Distinguished Students**

**Discussion**

Ms. Julie Kuder: explained the process by which decisions are made for special accommodations, If there isn't sufficient documentation to support the requested exception/accommodation then she does not approve the exception. Ms. Kuder proposed something different.

Dr. Harrell: opened this rule for discussion to the committee before hearing Ms. Kuder's proposal. A question was asked and answered, but no further discussion.

Ms. Kuder: recommended additional verbiage to the original rule proposal as well as an addition to the Disability Resources website. Dr. Dulin explained while this is a good alternative, it doesn't speak to the submitter's nuanced situation where her doctor doesn't feel comfortable stating the submitter can take only 12 hours per semester as only the submitter knows what she's capable of handling each semester.

Dr. Orr, Disability Resources (DR) Director: stated that DR hasn't been involved in student rule changes and exceptions but feels there is some ability to make that decision about this accommodation. She suggests taking out the word "medical" to state appropriate documentation, not appropriate medical documentation, though this portion of text is not a part of the rule.

Dr. Dulin: stated this suggested addition doesn't change anything. There's already a process by which a student with a disability can request accommodation but if DR doesn't recognize the documentation as appropriate, the requested exception can be denied, hence the reason for the original rule change proposal.

Dr. Harrell: This does actually change the process by which this would be evaluated. Students seeking additional accommodations regarding hours/semester for full-time status designation would go through Disability Resources. Accommodations would be determined on a semester-by-semester basis.

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Much discussion followed clarifying, suggesting, explaining processes, rule intent, language, history of past rule change proposals, desired outcomes, etc. Submitter agreed with new language for the rule, Language pertaining to the DR website: submitter requested that the 12-hour distinction be removed. Suggestion to use alternative language for the proposed rule change instead of the original proposed rule change language. Include friendly edit to read “distinguished student” and “dean’s honor roll” for consistency throughout the rule.

**Decision:** Move to accept alternative language by Angie Hill Price, seconded by Heather Klein, vote: 2 abstentions, 8 in favor, will forward to Faculty Senate for June agenda

## c) Rule 8.3 - Examinations

**Discussion:** none

**Decision:** Angie Hill Price move to approve, Venesa Heidick seconded, motion passes by a show of hands, rule change takes effect fall 2025, will forward to Faculty Senate for June agenda

## d) Rule 24.5 - Bias-Related Violations

**Discussion:** Dr. Harrell clarified that the rule may only be applied by the office responsible for managing civil rights cases involving student respondents. Most of these cases are handled by CR/T9 and that was the problem with it being in this student rule.

**Decision:** Heather Klein move to approve, Chris Cherry seconded, motion passes by a show of hands, will forward to Faculty Senate for June agenda

## e) Rule 57.6.1 - Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel

**Discussion:** Rationale for this rule change proposal is to provide greater consistency with the graduate process.

**Decision:** Angie Hill Price move to approve, Chris Cherry seconded, 1 abstention, motion passes by a show of hands, will forward to Faculty Senate for June agenda

## f) Rule 5.2.3 - Change of Curriculum

**Discussion:** Submitter withdrew rule change submission

**Decision:** No decision to be made

## g) Rule 24.4.25 - Stalking

**Discussion:** clarification of specifics when this rule applies, track changes made to include underlined portions in first paragraph:

First sentence: Course of

Second sentence: and/or other protected status

**Decision:** Chris Cherry move to approve, seconded by Trent Smith, 12 yes, motion passes with modifications, will forward to Faculty Senate

## h) Rule 15 - Graduation with Latin Honors

**Discussion:** Dr. Harrell explained the rationale from submitter which is: A&M allows transfer students to get a degree based on a certain number of hours but ask for a larger number of credit hours to achieve Latin Honors. Why would you not accept the amount of credit hours to get a degree and apply that to Latin Honors? Consensus among committee members that at least half or more hours required for a degree should be taken at A&M to be eligible for Latin Honors. comment made that even if RR committee approved it, it would not pass FS,

**Decision:** Heather Klein move to reject, seconded by Rob Rahm, 8 in favor of rejecting this rule change proposal, 4 abstain

## i) Rule 57.4.2 and 57.6.3 - Undergraduate Appeals Panel

**Discussion:** support of this rule, reflects the practice that happens in colleges

**Decision:** Angie Hill Price move to approve, seconded by Chris Cherry, 10 yes, 3 abstain, will forward to Faculty Senate for June Agenda

## 2. Tabled Business

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## a) Permanent day/time change for Rules & Regulations Committee meetings

### Notes/Action Items:

Dr. Harrell urged everyone to submit choices for new RR times, to go in effect fall 2025.

**1:17pm adjourned**