MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 7, 2008

TO: Dr. Angie Hill Price
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. David W. Parrott
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following section:

Section 1.16.4
EXISTING RULE:

1.16.4
Undergraduate students will normally be permitted three Q-drops during their undergraduate studies; however: Q-drops in one-hour courses will not count in the limit of three, unless offered by the College of Geosciences or the College of Science. If a lecture and companion lab are dropped at the same time, this will count as one Q-drop rather than two.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

1.16.4
Undergraduate students will normally be permitted three 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 if they entered higher education as a first-time enrolled freshman beginning the 2007 fall semester and thereafter. Q-drops in one-hour courses will not count in the Texas A&M limit of three, unless offered by the College of Geosciences or the College of Science. 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.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to better align the TAMU course drop policy with the state-mandated limit on course drops. Q-drops in one-hour courses will count toward the state limit of six. This rule should become effective immediately upon approval of the President.

COMMENTS:

1-11-2008 Passed by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee and forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

Returned From Faculty Senate: Student Rule 1.16.4. The rule is being returned to the Rules and Regulations Committee. The justification for the rule change was based on the new state law allowing at most six Q-drops. The university is now required to maintain the total number of Q-drops within state universities and not allow Q-drops when the statewide number reaches six even if the university number is less than three. Therefore, it should be easily possible to not count one-hour Q-drops against the university limit of three and at the same time count one-hour Q-drops against the state limit of six. Thus, the new state law regarding Q-drops does not require counting one-hour Q-drops against the university limit of three. The rule needs to clearly indicate that the overall state limit is six courses including one-hour course Q-drops so that the number permitted at Texas A&M may be less than three.

3-28-2008 Passed by Student Rules and Regulations Committee after revisions.
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Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following section:

Section 1.7
EXISTING RULE:

1.7 A full-time undergraduate student is defined as one who is enrolled for at least 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term and eight hours in a 10-week summer semester. A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status. Only hours for which a student is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University can be used toward certification of enrollment.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

1.7 A full-time undergraduate student is defined as one who is enrolled for at least 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term and eight hours in a 10-week summer semester. A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status. Only hours for which a student is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University can be used toward certification of enrollment.

During his or her last semester prior to graduation, if an undergraduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete his or her degree and has applied for graduation, he or she may be certified as a full-time student for that final semester even though he or she may be enrolled in less than 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term or eight hours in a 10-week summer semester.

Students participating in student teaching, internships, and cooperative education programs who are enrolled in less than 12 hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term or eight hours in a 10-week summer semester may be eligible to be certified as a full-time student with the approval of the Dean of the College or his or her designee.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

This practice has existed for a number of years as a special exception made by Deans and the Office of the Registrar. With flat-rate tuition as an incentive, students are increasingly taking more hours in the first years of their academic careers, which often leaves them with fewer than 12 hours to take in their final semester. Additionally, with the increased number of students participating in student teaching, study abroad programs, and internships, this “exception” is becoming more frequent, and students and parents have requested some official documentation of this practice.
COMMENTS:

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Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following section:

Section 1.8
EXISTING RULE:

1.8 A full-time graduate student is defined as one who is registered for nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term and six hours in a 10-week summer semester. In addition, if a student is registered for at least one hour for the 10-week session and a total of six hours in any combination of 5-week sessions and the 10-week session, the student is considered full-time for the 10-week session. A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

During his or her last semester prior to graduation, if a graduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete his or her degree, has applied for graduation and does not hold a graduate assistantship, he or she may be certified as a full-time student for that final semester even though he or she may be enrolled in less than nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term or six hours in a 10-week summer semester.

Students participating in student teaching, internships, and cooperative education programs who are enrolled in less than nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term or six hours in a 10-week summer semester may be eligible to be certified as a full-time student with the approval of the Dean of the College or his or her designee.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

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(Additions to rules are bolded and underlined, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough)

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