MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2011

TO: Dr. Bob Strawser
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:

Change in Rules
57
57.1.1
17.3
EXISTING RULE:

57. Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel

Membership

The Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel includes the chair, four faculty members, three undergraduate student members and two undergraduate student alternates. A quorum consists of three faculty members and two students.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

57. Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel

Membership

The Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel includes the chair, six faculty members and three faculty alternates, five undergraduate student members and two undergraduate student alternates. A quorum consists of three faculty members and two students. Representatives from the Academic Operations Committee (AOC) and the Undergraduate Student Ombudsperson will be available while the panel is in session to serve as resource persons.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

This change will bring into alignment the "Membership Section" and the "Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel" section of University Committees. The listing of more faculty and students will ensure that there is a quorum available for appeals. The two members of the Academic Operations Committee (AOC) and the Undergraduate Student Ombudsperson while not present in the appeal session will be available to serve as a valuable, current, and stable resource to the committee.

COMMENTS:

- Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on 12/16/2010.

SUBMITTED BY:

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**EXISTING RULE:**

57.1.1 Suspension or Blocked Enrollment for Academic Deficiency

The student shall discuss an academic suspension or blocked enrollment with their academic Dean or designee or his or her designee. If no change in status results from the discussion and the rationale for suspension or blocked enrollment still seems arbitrary, capricious or prejudiced to the student, the student may appeal to the Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel. The panel will have a regularly scheduled meeting to deal with suspensions during the first week of classes in the fall and spring semesters. To assure consideration of their appeal, students are urged to initiate the appeals process immediately upon suspension or being blocked from enrollment. Appeals must be filed no later than the week immediately preceding the start of the semester.

**RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:**

Suspension or Blocked Enrollment for Academic Deficiency

The student shall discuss an academic suspension or blocked enrollment with their academic Dean or designee or his or her designee. If no change in status results from the discussion and the rationale for suspension or blocked enrollment still seems arbitrary, capricious or prejudiced to the student, the student may appeal to the Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel. The panel will have a regularly scheduled meeting to deal with suspensions during the first week of classes in the fall and spring semesters and **during the first two days of the first summer term**. To assure consideration of their appeal, students are urged to initiate the appeals process immediately upon suspension or being blocked from enrollment. Appeals must be filed no later than the week immediately preceding the start of the semester. **The Undergraduate Student Ombudsperson who independently and impartially reviews student grievances is an additional resource available to students.**

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:**

This change will provide another opportunity for the student to have their complaints heard and/or addressed.

**COMMENTS:**

- Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on 12/16/2010.

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EXISTING RULE:

17.3 When a student withdraws from the university beginning the first class day and extending through the Q-drop deadline, the registrar will assign a grade of W to all courses enrolled in during that semester. Any courses previously graded for that semester will be changed to W, and the W grades will be displayed on the permanent record.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

17.3 When a student withdraws from the university beginning the first class day and extending through the Q-drop deadline, the registrar will assign a grade of W to all courses enrolled in during that semester that have not been completed by the official withdrawal date. Any courses previously graded for that semester Q-dropped for that semester will be changed to W, and the W grades will be displayed on the permanent record.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:
Students sometimes enroll in and earn grades for intersession or intrasession courses that end before the student wishes to withdraw for the semester. Students should not lose credit for courses they have completed and for which they have earned grades if they wish to withdraw after completing and earning those grades. They should also not be able to use a withdrawal after completing and earning grades for intersession or intrasession courses as a means of removing undesirable grades from their permanent record.

COMMENTS:

- Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on 1/21/2011.

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