

Summary of Senate Action of Monday, November 10, 2008 on the proposed Early Registration for Designated Populations Policy Draft

In response to the report presented to the Faculty Senate by Senator Steffen Wilson, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Early Registration, a motion was made and accepted as follows:

- The Senate is not in favor of the policy draft as currently written and were in support of the ad hoc committee's recommendations and addendums being included in the draft before discussion on an actual vote of the policy.
- The Senate approves a resolution of support for a revised Early Registration for Designated Populations policy incorporating the "Recommendation Regarding Early Registration Policy and Rationale" outlined by the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Early Registration in its memorandum dated November 10, 2008, together with an Addendum incorporating recommendations from the November 10 Faculty Senate meeting. Said addendum will include recommendations supported by the senate as follows:
 - Recommended by Senator Lowry: See "Addendum" attached. Summary of the recommendation is that priority registration will be assigned by standing. For example, a Sophomore from a Designated Population could register ahead of other Sophomores, but not ahead of Juniors, Seniors, etc.
 - Recommended by Senator Richardson: See "Addendum" attached. Summary of the recommendation is that each designated population (Students with Disabilities, Student Athletes, Honors, etc.) should be considered INDIVIDUALLY for their possible inclusion in the Early Registration for Designated Populations proposal.
 - Recommended by Senator Johnson: (1) That the ad hoc committee's suggestion to create a university-level committee should be developed now and presented along with the actual policy rather than waiting until the need arises to establish the committee structure; and (2) That the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Early Registration be given due consideration to address the needs of students with significant family care and support responsibilities.
 - Recommended by Senator Schmelzer: That "excused absences" for missed classes related to practice, games, travel, etc. be waived based on affected students' opportunities to structure their schedules to accommodate regular class attendance under an early registration policy.

The Senate voted to forward this resolution of support to the Office of the Provost in accordance with the charge it was given by the Provost's Council (see the Executive Committee Report presented by Senator Ware at the September 15, 2008 meeting of the Faculty Senate).

Following the vote, Senator Ware confirmed the action taken by the Senate, clarifying the fact that the Senate was not voting on the actual policy, but voting as a show of support for the ad hoc committee recommendations with an addendum to be included for the three senators who had specific concerns from the Senate meeting. Those comments were to be forwarded directly to the ad hoc committee for inclusion in their recommendations. Those recommendations would then be shared with the Provost for the December 1 deadline. It was understood that at some point the early registration policy would need to come back before the Senate for an actual vote on the policy.