

ALIGNMENT OF GRADE FORGIVENESS DEADLINES WITH WITHDRAW DEADLINES

Synopsis: The deadline for applying for grade forgiveness in rule 3335-8-27.1 comes before students have any meaningful feedback about their performance and is out of sync with the deadline for withdrawing from a course specified in rule 3335-8-32. Several five p.m. deadlines occur after a variable 4:30 p.m. summer hour close of business. This has caused difficulties for students and advisors.

WHEREAS The deadlines for declaring grade forgiveness should align with the deadline to withdraw from a course; and

WHEREAS the timeline for grade forgiveness must be clear for sessions other than the standard fourteen week term; and

WHEREAS advisors of undergraduate students need to guide them to the desired outcomes with consistency in the rules for marks, grade forgiveness, withdrawal and disenrollment; and

WHEREAS the graduate school retains the ability to appropriately modify these deadlines subject to CAA approval; and

WHEREAS the prior specified deadline of five p.m. is impractical or confusing when offices officially close at a time other than five p.m., such as during summer hours; and

WHEREAS the obsolete gender specific "his or her" will gradually be replaced with neutral terms whenever a rule is updated; and

WHEREAS the Rules Committee approved these updates at its November 1, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress approved these updates at its November 5, 2019 meeting;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That revisions to the 3335-8-27.1 grade forgiveness rule and to 3335-8-32 withdrawal from courses include practical deadlines for each term; and all instances of a five p.m. deadline be replaced by close of business, be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees, effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.