

RESOLUTION TO Adjust Resign Deadline for Non-15 Week Sessions

To: Faculty Senate Academic Policies and Grading Committee

From: Office of the Registrar

Date proposed to FSEC: 3/12/24

Date approved by the FSEC for placement on the Faculty Senate Calendar: 3/12/24

Date approved by the Faculty Senate: 4/16/24

Whereas, the following request was submitted to the Faculty Senate Academic Policies and Grading Committee by the Office of the Registrar,

Whereas, the current resign policy defines course resignation as, “any resigned course shall be included in the student’s record of study with a grade of ‘R’, but no credits shall be accrued and neither the grade nor the credits shall be included in computation of grade point averages.”

Whereas, the current resign policy states in part, “A student may unilaterally resign a course without penalty through the eleventh week of a Fall or Spring semester, and through the first two-thirds of any other academic term.”

Whereas, the end of the eleventh week of classes is 73.33% through the semester, which is longer than the two-thirds of a session that is allocated for other academic terms.

Whereas, students are disadvantaged in non-15 week sessions by giving them less time to resign courses,

Whereas, this disproportionate amount of time to resign is out of alignment with the add/drop policy, which allows, “Proportionate instructional days for adding or dropping a course shall be set for terms whose calendar lengths differ from the Fall and Spring semesters.”

Whereas, there is a need to align the resign policy with the approach taken by the add/drop policy.

Therefore,

Be it resolved that the resign policy be revised in the following manner: A student may unilaterally resign a course without penalty through the eleventh week of a Fall or Spring semester, and through a proportionate number of instructional days for any other academic term.

Be It Further Resolved, that the remainder of the current resign policy will stay unchanged.



June 17, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: Provost and Executive Vice President A. Scott Weber
Vice Presidents
Vice Provosts
Deans
Department Chairs
Chair, Faculty Senate
Chair, Professional Staff Senate
UBNow
The Spectrum

From: Satish K. Tripathi 
President

RE: UB Faculty Senate Resolution to Adjust Resign Deadline for Non-15 week Sessions

Dear Colleagues:

After careful review and with the recommendation of Provost A. Scott Weber and the UB Faculty Senate, it is my pleasure to approve and promulgate the **UB Faculty Senate Resolution to Adjust Resign Deadline for Non-15 week Sessions**.

Enclosed is the new policy approved by the Faculty Senate at its April 16, 2024 meeting.

My thanks to all who were involved in the development of this policy. Please share these documents with faculty and staff in your area as appropriate.

Enclosure