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TO: President Frank Newman
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled "Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #78-79-1: New Section of Chapter 8 of the University Manual on Withdrawal from the University and amendment to section 8.12.16 of the University Manual" is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on February 8, 1979.

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on March 1, 1979, three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

February 12, 1979
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate
FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.

2. a. Approved

b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Regents

c. Disapproved

FEB 26, 1979
President

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ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE REPORT # 78-79-1

December 22, 1978

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends:

1) That the following new manual section be approved and inserted at an appropriate place in chapter 8 of the University Manual:

Undergraduate

8.XX.XX Students who withdraw from the University after the date designated as the last day for dropping courses and who seek readmission to the University for the next semester shall be readmitted only upon approval of the Scholastic Standing Committee for the college or school in which registration is desired.

2) That existing University Manual paragraph 8.12.16 be replaced with proposed paragraph 8.12.16 as indicated below.

existing 8.12.16

A student may withdraw from a course later than the announced expiration date for withdrawal if at mid-term the student has requested but received no evaluation of his or her work in the course. Such withdrawal requires the consent of the department chairman. However, in the absence of the chairman, or if the chairman is the instructor, the student may withdraw from the course with the consent of the dean of the college.

proposed 8.12.16

A student may drop a course later than the announced expiration date for dropping if at mid-term the student has requested but received no evaluation of his or her work in the course. Such a drop requires the consent of the department chairman. However, in the absence of the chairman, or if the chairman is the instructor, the student may drop the course with the consent of the dean of the college.

RATIONALE: The members of the Committee agree with the recommendation of Professor Havens of the Geography Department and of the CAC, that GEC 409 is too advanced and non-general in nature to meet the criteria for a course in general education.

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The Committee recommends adding GEC 409 to the list of courses exempted from counting towards Division C of the University General Education requirements listed on page 10 of the 1978-79 Catalogue.
At its Meeting No. 180 held December 15, 1978 the Graduate Council considered
and approved the following curricular matters which are now submitted to the
Faculty Senate for information or confirmation as indicated.

I. Matters of Information.
   A. College of Nursing
      1. Temporary Courses
         NUR 513X Advanced Mental Health Nursing II, 3
         Theoretical investigation into current modes of Advanced
         Mental Health Nursing to improve mental health status of
         families and small groups in communities. Relevance and
         application to nursing and nursing research are analyzed.
         (Lec 3) Pre: NUR 511X and NUR 512X. Garner/Feather
         NUR 514X Advanced Mental Health Nursing Intervention II, 3
         Application of the various theoretical and mental health
         nursing approaches to family, group and community modes of
         intervention. (Lab 6) Pre: NUR 511X, NUR 512X and co-requisite
         with NUR 513X. Garner/Feather
   B. College of Resource Development
      1. Department of Fisheries and Marine Technology
         a. Temporary Course
         FMT 510X Fishing Vessel Technology II, 3
         Principles of naval architecture applied to fishing vessels:
         ship geometry and calculations, stability and trim, propulsion,
         seakeeping, strength, construction methods and materials.
         (Lec 3) Pre: FMT 518 or permission of instructor. Sainsbury
         2. Department of Plant Pathology-Entomology
         a. Temporary Course
         PLP 571X Plants, Insects and Pathogens II, 3
         Two-part investigation of insect-microbe associations con-
         centrating upon the comparative pathobiology of microbial
         agents in the insect host and the transmission of plant
         disease organisms by insect vectors. (Lec 3) Pre: PLP(200) 381
         and MIC 211 or permission of instructor. LeBrun

BACKGROUND:
This report presents two recommendations which were developed in the course of re-
viewing Commission on Undergraduate Education proposal 30.2. This proposal reads:

That students be permitted to withdraw from the University after mid-semester
only for adequate cause.

In its report to the parent CUE committee dated 15 January 1977, the CUE Sub-
committee on Grading Practices stated as rationale for CUE 30.2 that:

The procedure for withdrawal from the Uni-
versity (c.f. 8.61.10-8.61.12) is being
widely abused. Students frequently with-
draw from the University and apply for re-
admittance for the next semester on the
same day. In effect the student is simply
dropping all his courses after midsemester.
If the intent is to permit students to drop
all courses in order to avoid poor grades,
then a simpler system involving less paper work
and less subterfuge should be devised. Our
interpretation of the intent of the with-
drawal procedure is that it is to allow
students faced with crises situations or
unavoidable obligations such as military
service (though currently unlikely in the
absence of conscription) to leave the Uni-
versity without penalty.

This Committee agrees with the above interpretation of the intent of the
withdrawal procedure and is interested in curbing abuses. Yet because crises
situations can be enormously varied, difficult to judge, and invented if neces-
sary, the Committee does not think that direct attempts should be made to control
withdrawals. Instead, we think a more fruitful approach would be to control re-
admission to the University after withdrawal. Recommendation 1) below is direct-
ed towards this end.

The second recommendation below is principally editorial in nature and only
indirectly related to the first. The problem is that University Manual paragraph
8.12.16 uses the term "withdrawal" as a synonym for "dropping". In order to pre-
serve the terminological distinction, we are recommending the obvious changes.