

## Student Rules and Regulations Committee

Approved by President

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(Additions to rules are bolded and underlined, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough)

### **EXISTING RULE:**

1.16.2 A student may drop a course with no record during the first five class days of a fall or spring semester and during the first four class days of a summer term or a 10-week summer semester. Following this period, if approved by the dean of the student's college, a student may drop a course without academic penalty through the 50th class day of a fall or spring semester, the 15th class day of summer term or the 35th class day of a 10-week summer semester. The symbol Q shall be given to indicate a drop without academic penalty. Undergraduate students will normally be permitted three Q-drops during their undergraduate studies; however:

### **RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:**

1.16.2 A student may drop a course with no record during the first ~~five~~ **twelve five** class days of a fall or spring semester and during the first four class days of a summer term or a 10-week summer semester. Following this period, if approved by ~~the dean of the student's college~~ **the Dean of the College or his or her designee**, a student may drop a course without academic penalty through the 50th class day of a fall or spring semester, the 15th class day of summer term or the 35th class day of a 10-week summer semester. The symbol Q shall be given to indicate a drop without academic penalty. Undergraduate students will normally be permitted three Q-drops during their undergraduate studies at Texas A&M University. **State law prohibits students from having more than six dropped courses from all state institutions attended during their undergraduate career if they entered higher education as first-time enrolled freshman beginning the 2007 fall semester and thereafter. For exceptions see rule 1.18.**

### **JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:**

These changes are an effort to implement a state-mandated limit on the number of courses dropped by a student after the official census date. SB 1231 of the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature prohibits students who first enroll as freshman in the fall 2007 or later from dropping more than 6 courses at all Texas public institutions without a showing of good cause. Including this limit of 6 within the TAMU student rules is necessary such that it may prohibit a student from being allowed the 3 Q-drops he or she would normally be permitted.

### **COMMENTS:**

- Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on 1/11/2008. Added "For exceptions see rule 1.18." on 2/5/2008 to alert students to exceptions within the state law.
- Returned From Faculty Senate: Student Rule 1.16.2. This rule is returned to the Rules and Regulations Committee pending the submission of Rule 1.18 due to the reference to Rule 1.18.
- Rule 1.18 approved by President on 8/29/08.
- Student Rules and Reg is now resubmitting Rule 1.16.2 for approval.
- **Faculty Senate amended rule on 12/8/08. FS did not approve changing the time allotted to drop with no record from five days to twelve days as proposed by the SRRC. FS amended the rule and changed the drop with no record back to five days. FS approved amended rule.**
- **Approved by President Murano on 1/25/2009.**

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