

Faculty Senate Resolution 2004-05-12

Shifting the "class-drop" deadline forward

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- Whereas CNU needs to optimize the utilization of seats in classes (especially in high-demand courses such as BIOL109L), and
- Whereas the existing ability of students to drop a class at the very end of the "add" period effectively prevents other students from adding those classes to their schedules, yet terminating the "drop" period substantially prior to the end of the "add" period would facilitate students' filling those seats, and
- Whereas the last drop-period of the registration cycle starts on the morning of the Thursday prior to the beginning of the semester, and
- Whereas CNU's policy of not terminating the "drop" period until the end of the first week of the semester is historically rooted in registration procedures which could not transpire without the students' physical presence on campus, but present (online) capabilities allow the drop-add procedure to be implemented by students prior to their returning to campus, and
- Whereas most classes have their first meeting of the week on either Monday or Tuesday, and
- Whereas it is technically possible to allow students to add classes while simultaneously prohibiting them from dropping classes, and
- Whereas it is possible for students to *withdraw* from classes significantly after the end of the first week of the semester,

Therefore, the Faculty Senate resolves to recommend that students not be able to drop classes after 11:59 PM on the first Tuesday of the semester.

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