

Resolution on Dropping Non-attending Students on Semesters  
("The Two-Hour Rule")  
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**Educational Policy and Student Affairs Committee**

**Second Reading and Vote**

**Whereas**, the two-hour rule, which allows instructors to drop students who miss the first two hours of any class without notification, will contain some irrelevant and potentially unclear language under semesters,

**Be it resolved**, that the *Faculty Handbook* language be changed as follows:

From the Faculty Handbook, Section IV.B.2:

Original:

***Dropping Non-attending Students*** *A student, whose name appears on the class list for a given quarter, but who has not attended the first two contact hours of class meetings and who has not notified the instructor before either hour, may be dropped from the class roll. In the case of classes scheduled for periods of two or more hours, students should, before the end of the first scheduled period, notify the instructor of their wish to remain on the roll. <sup>[L]</sup>~~[SEP]~~Instructors who intend to use their privilege to drop non-attending students should remain in the classroom or make themselves otherwise available throughout the first scheduled period, and accept students who notify the instructor as required above.*

Change to:

**Dropping Non-attending Students:** At the instructor's option, a student may be required to drop a class from his/her schedule if the student misses the first two meetings of a class without notifying and obtaining approval from the instructor, where each class meeting is less than 80 minutes of actual instructional time. If the class meetings are 80 minutes or more, the student may be required to drop if he/she misses the FIRST meeting of the class without notifying the instructor and obtaining approval.