

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

First Reading

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.
^[1]_{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:

A student whose name appears on the class list for a given semester, but who has not attended 1) the first two meetings of classes which meet for the usual class hour per day for one to five class meetings per week, or 2) misses the first session of classes meeting for 90 minutes or more per class session—without notifying the class instructor—may be dropped from the class roll.

Students who will be absent should notify the instructor of their wish to remain on the class roll before the end of the first scheduled period. 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.