REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

A student with a required legal obligation (court appointment related to his employment as police officer) was not covered under the current Class Attendance and Authorized Absence Policy, resulting in an unauthorized absence from a class.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Faculty should use reason when approached with requests for absence.
2. Not all situations can be anticipated and included in the Class Attendance and Authorized Absence policy.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. The addition would cover multiple legal-related absences.

Cons of Recommendation:

1. This addition would increase the published list of reasons for an authorized absence.

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None

Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Add “or (7) required legal obligation.” to Article Five, Section B, Class Attendance and Authorized Policies, Authorized Absences.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of __9__ for to _0___ against on _____9/20/2011___________ (Date)

Recommends that

Article Five, Section B, Class Attendance and Authorized Policies, Authorized Absences section of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures be amended to include “or (7) required legal obligation.”

Implementation Date: Immediate

Signed: ______________________________________

Chair of the Committee

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