

**University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire**  
**University Senate Executive Committee**

Minutes from April 7, 2021  
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An emergency meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2021 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

**Meeting Subject:** Emergency Executive Committee Meeting

**Meeting Date:** 4/7/2021 4:00 PM

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Link to Outlook Item:** [click here](#)

**Invitation Message**

**Participants**

## Notes

Today at 4 pm there will be an emergency meeting with the Chancellor. If you are available it would be great if you could attend. It will be regarding the S/U Grading Policy.

387 students took advantage of SU last semester (student could see the grade they would get or select an SU)

### **Stress on students high**

Discussed with Deans

Number of options to help students

**-Extend last day to drop April 30th**

### **Create two wellness days**

-Possibly free up a Friday or a Tuesday for students April 16th Friday and 27th of April Tuesday--There are many Tuesday night classes. Tuesday would cause issues.

Would not change anything for practica, clinicals, grad students or student teaching

### **Advising**

Students stressed, processing several student withdrawals, **extend date to drop classes until the last day of the semester** last day of classes May 7th

5 day grace period for student who have withdrawn to switch to SU

From Fall semester 536 requests for SU last semester but only 387 individual students

## **Students**

Don't "gate keep" SUs, let students decide  
Strong support for any wellness days  
Supports extending withdrawal to end of semester  
Support for 5 day grace period to switch from withdrawal to SU

### **Faculty**

SUs can cause issues for students going to grad school-Nursing

Faculty are burned out and struggling as well as the students--it has been hell on faculty

The wellness days may cause significant issues with plans/exams for faculty that have gone to extreme lengths to help students

Some students will not be able to take advantage of SU (Nursing and Kins for example)

Causes problems for faculty who have lab courses. If faculty teach multiple sections for labs a lab might be cancelled for some students-and some exam questions might be based on lab

Discussion on last day to drop May 7th--last day of classes or 14th last day. The problem with the 14th is faculty will be grading major papers/projects for potentially nothing if the student withdraws on the 14th

Thursday, April 29th would be better for night classes. More night classes on Tuesday compared to Thursday nights.

There are some field trips scheduled for Fridays

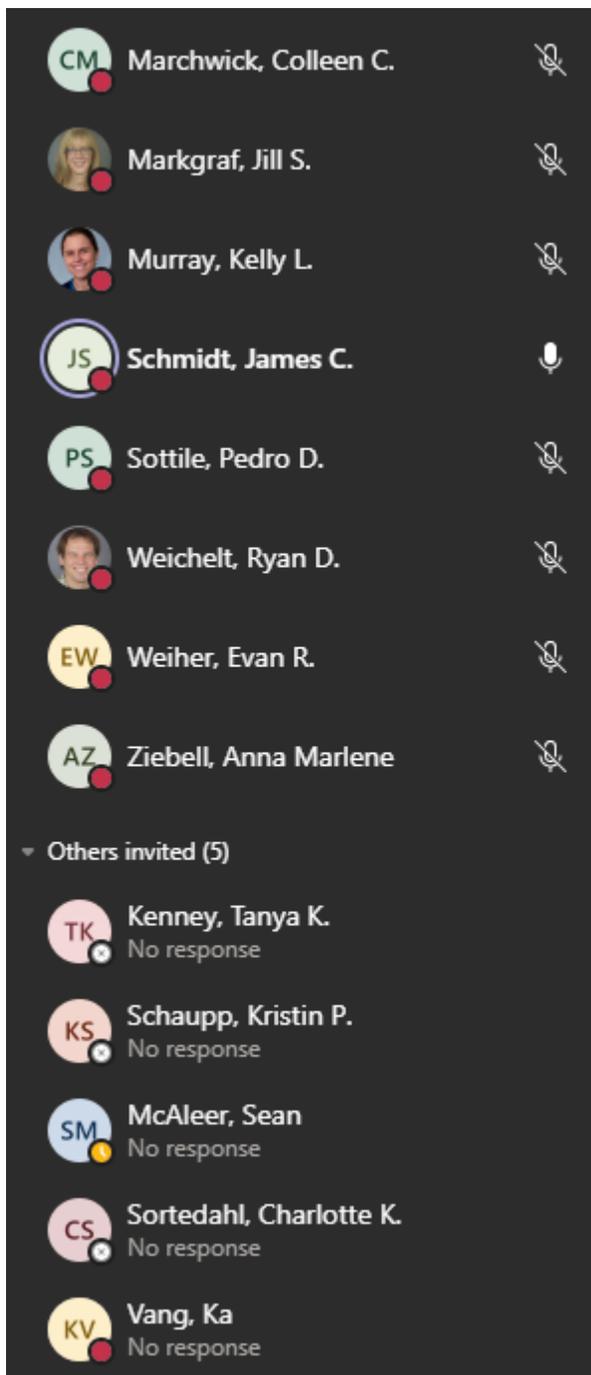
### **End result**

- Implement the practice of last year's SU policy
- Go back to April 5th for grace period so students can change their minds and switch from withdrawal to SU
- April 16th and April 29th--wellness days
- Let students decide to withdraw until last day of classes
- We put in exceptions for Labs Mixed feelings--probably, gives faculty some control
- We have to allow for clinicals for accreditation issues
- Strong feelings about students taking a "long weekend" If we have a Thursday as a wellness day they might also take Friday off for a four day weekend--and get sick

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