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Submitted by Patrick Novotny

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**Question:**

Is the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs requesting that the Academic Advisement Center (AAC) in the Williams Center as well as other college-level advisement offices and individual faculty advisors in Colleges and Departments on the Georgia Southern University campus inform students of the policy, “Deleting Classes First Day for Non-Attendance,” “which will take effect in fall semester, 2006” (Request For Agenda Item 1/27/2006) or has this policy been withdrawn for the Fall 2006 Semester?

**Rationale:**

Given that many faculty advisors in Colleges and Departments across the Georgia Southern University campus are beginning advisement this week (2/13-2/17) and next week (2/20-2/24) and with Early Registration for Fall 2006 Semester classes beginning on 2/20, clarification of this policy’s status would be of obvious and timely relevance for Georgia Southern University faculty and students.

**Response: 3-6-06 from Nancy Shumaker:**

The following steps will be taken with regard to the proposed Delete Class First Day for Non-Attendance policy:

(1) A central site will be set up on the Registrar’s website so that feedback, questions, and concerns can be submitted electronically by faculty, staff, and students. This will
enable a gathering of all the feedback into a single document that can be shared with
the appropriate individuals and groups in Student Affairs and Academic Affairs.

(2) Deans will be provided copies of the Delete Class First Day for Non-Attendance
policy, which includes:

(a) the objective of the policy

(b) the implementation process and timetable (a spring implementation is recommended
to provide ample time for communication with faculty, staff, and students about the
policy),

(c) the timeline of publicity activities,

(d) guidelines for exceptions to the policy, and

(e) resources available when there are questions or concerns that need to be
addressed.

Deans will be asked to share this information with department chairs in their colleges
and to request that department chairs take the proposal to their faculty for input and
feedback.

(3) A presentation will be made by Mike Deal and Nancy Shumaker to the Student
Government Association and copies of the policy will be provided to all members of the
SGA. We will ask SGA to provide feedback as well as to indicate other student
organizations to whom we should make a similar presentation.

(4) A compilation of the feedback gathered via the website as well as from meetings
with deans, faculty, and students, will be provided to members of the Faculty Senate
along with the revised DCFD policy. Feedback will be requested of Faculty Senate
members.

(5) Once steps 1-4 have been completed, Mike Deal and Nancy Shumaker will take the
revised DCFD policy and compilation of all feedback to the Enrollment Management
Council for consideration and recommendation.

(6) If the policy is recommended for implementation by the EMC, it will be taken by Dr.
Thompson and Dr. Bleicken to the President's Cabinet for consideration.

(7) If the President's Cabinet approves, implementation of the policy will begin the
following spring semester.

2-21-2006: According to Dr. Bleicken, "You are correct, it is back on the drawing board.
I think Nancy presented it at Enrollment Management last week. “They will be getting
more information to us (hopefully) soon.