

Proposition: 9-21/22

Proposal Type: Bill Resolution Memorial Joint Proposition
(If Joint proposition, also select type)

Title: A Proposition to Lengthen the Period for Students to Add Classes without an Instructor's Signature

Date Submitted: 02/20/2022

Submitting Sponsor(s): Bronstein (A&S), Beck (Library), Parra (HEST)

Proposed Committee: Student Success

Prior Approvals: None

Proposal: That the length of time that students are allowed to add classes without an instructor's permission be lengthened from 2 days to 7 days. Thus, when classes begin on Wednesday, the last day to add without an instructor's approval is the following Tuesday, and when classes began on Thursday, the last day to add without an instructor's approval is the following Wednesday. This change only applies to the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, and not to Mini-semester 2 classes or summer classes.

Rationale: In the 2013/2014 Senate session, the Faculty Senate approved proposition 05-13/14, "Modification of the Late Registration Period." That proposition, signed by President Carruthers, shortened the time period for students to add classes without instructor's permission from 2 weeks to 2 days. Faculty senators took this step because there was emerging evidence that late registration was associated with poor student learning outcomes.

While the evidence on this subject hasn't changed, instructors are increasingly inundated with requests to admit students after the two-day registration period. Expanding the time for students to add themselves to classes without a signature balances the goal of ensuring student success in the class with the equally compelling goal of removing barriers to registration that keep students from successfully registering for classes at all.