

Resolution 2017-2. On Enhanced Priority Registration

The Faculty Council resolves:

The Faculty Council endorses the proposed Enhanced Priority Registration process to be established by the University Registrar, as recommended by the Educational Policy Committee.

Enhanced Priority Registration

Rationale

Enhanced priority registration will be made available to students with complex disabilities or medical conditions, where priority registration fails to meet their needs. These students are currently subject to working within the existing priority registration system. Accessibility Resources & Service (ARS) has identified a small subset of the ARS population that could benefit from enhanced priority registration.

Mechanism

A process for determining how students qualify for enhanced priority registration is described in subsequent paragraphs. Those students who qualify for enhanced priority registration will be allowed to register during the first priority registration window on the first day of registration as opposed to being assigned a priority registration period based on terms in residence.

Each semester, prior to the start of registration, the students will identify with ARS for accommodations and petition for priority registration in the same way as other ARS students. Then, the list of students requesting enhanced priority registration will be sent to the Registrar's Office for review and collaborative determination.

The Registrar will present an annual report to the Educational Policy Committee indicating the number of students who were granted or denied enhanced priority registration, and evaluating whether course selection during enhanced priority registration appears to be serving its intended purpose.

After three years, the Registrar will request that the Educational Policy Committee in collaboration with Faculty Council review how well the policy is working and make a formal recommendation regarding whether the policy should be continued as originally implemented or revised.

Limitations

As a general rule, we recommend that no more than 5-6 % of the ARS student body be granted enhanced priority registration status.

Eligibility for Enhanced Priority Registration

Enhanced priority registration is only for students with disabilities or medical conditions where priority registration already made available still fails to meet their unique and individual needs. Enhanced priority registration is rare and UNC extends this to students as an accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act As Amended and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Accessibility Resources & Service in collaboration with the Registrar's Office will make a determination of student eligibility for this accommodation.

Submitted by the Educational Policy Committee