

**Resolution 2006-4. Revising the Deadline for Undergraduate Course Schedule Changes in the Fall and Spring Semester**

The regulation on Changes in Fall and Spring Semester Schedules (2005-06 Undergraduate Bulletin, pp. 301-302) is amended by striking out the words “sixth week” wherever they appear and inserting in lieu thereof the words “eighth week”.

This amendment is effective beginning with the Fall Semester, 2006.

This change shall be made effective beginning with the Fall Semester, 2007.

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is requested to prepare the necessary amendments to the Academic Eligibility Regulations (2005-006 Undergraduate Bulletin, pp. 304-308) for formal approval by the Faculty Council.

**Educational Policy Committee Comment:** Currently students can withdraw from courses (with permission) through the sixth week of class with no record of enrollment in the course on their transcripts. EPC believes that if higher eligibility standards for cumulative GPA are instituted, then this deadline should be extended to the eighth week of classes. Extending the drop date would allow students to assess better how well they are doing in a class before having to decide whether to withdraw. This should make it easier for struggling students to meet the GPA standards by dropping courses in which they are doing poorly and focusing on their remaining courses. Because a change in the withdrawal date is relatively easy to implement, EPC recommends that the new deadline be adopted starting in the fall semester of 2006.