

March 2, 2021

Senate Athletics Committee Meeting

Agenda:

- Review Minutes
- Old Business
 - Alignment of class absence policies between catalog and faculty handbook.
 - Chair for next year
- New Business
 - Future structure of IAUA

Faculty Handbook:

202 Record of Student Absences/Attendance

All faculty (teaching face-to-face and/or online courses) shall state their attendance expectations and requirements in the syllabus. Instructors of online courses should define attendance based upon students accessing the course via the online platform or by other action as specified by the instructor.

Faculty must accurately identify students who never attended the course prior to the deadline for roster verification. Faculty wishing to drop a student during the Drop/Add period must contact the Registrar's Office.

Per the Class Roster (203) policy, faculty must indicate on each class roster the attendance of all students. Accurate attendance information is important for a variety of stakeholders, including Financial Aid (accuracy of aid issued and Title IV regulations), Student Affairs (housing, health services, etc.), and Business and Finance (withdraw refunds).

Verification of attendance is also important because grades of I, U, or F require entering a last date of attendance per the Registrar's Office. Faculty will not be able to submit grades until this field is populated for these grades (I, U, or F). All other grades (A-D or S) do not require a last date of attendance.

Excused absences: Students are encouraged to vote in all federal, state, and local elections. Board of Regents' policy states: "A student whose class schedule would otherwise prevent him or her from voting will be permitted an excused absence for the interval reasonably required for voting" (BOR Minutes, 1977-78, p. 245) (Section 4.1.3, *Board of Regents Policy Manual, University System of Georgia*).

From the Undergraduate Academic Policies:

Class Absence

Instruction begins the first day of class. In face-to-face courses, if students fail to attend the first day and have not contacted the instructor to explain their absence, they may be dropped during the Drop/Add Period to make room for other students.

In fully online or hybrid courses each instructor has the authority to specify in the syllabus what qualifies as attendance at the first class meeting and during the Drop/Add Period to drop students who fail to meet that requirement. Instructors may require students to attend a face-to-face meeting, to log in to the online course-delivery system by a specified date, or to take other specified steps at the beginning of the session.

For those courses that meet for the first time after the end of the Drop/Add Period, see Faculty Handbook Section 204.

Class attendance policies are determined by each instructor for his or her courses and may be found in the syllabus. Since course policies differ, students are responsible for understanding attendance requirements for each course. Failure to comply with those requirements may significantly affect grades.

Students are expected to attend each class meeting. Students absent from class while officially representing the University or observing religious holidays should generally not be penalized in the calculation of final grades, as long as they provide advance notice and expeditiously make arrangements to complete any missed work.

University-sponsored activities include but are not limited to the following: intercollegiate athletic competitions; musical/theatrical/art performances or exhibitions associated with a degree program; debate competitions; and research conferences. Activities not considered to be university-sponsored include participation in clubs, even if they are affiliated with UWG, or events associated with social organizations such as fraternities or sororities.

Regardless of the reason for the absence, each student is responsible for the material covered in class, for completing any assignments, and for making specific arrangements with the instructor for any work missed. The degree to which missed work can be made up will depend upon the nature of the work and its intended purpose. Make-up is at the discretion of the instructor. However instructors should be aware that students missing classes for university-sponsored activities or religious holidays should be given all appropriate courtesies and opportunities to make up missed work. Students are responsible for alerting their professors about any expected absences prior to those absences.

Any student who must be absent for more than one week of class should notify the Patient Advocates in Health Services, telephone 678-839-6452. The student should also notify the instructor or department.