

**UNIVERSITY SENATE  
SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 1, 2021**

At its meeting on March 1, 2021, the University Senate voted to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulation of the University Senate as follows with deleted items in strikethrough and new language underlined.

**II.I.5. Miscellaneous, Syllabi**

(After 4/5/2021 - II.E.2 Scholastic Standing, Responsibility for the Academic Assessment of Students)

Instructors shall provide, in writing on the first day of class, syllabi and schedules if not included in syllabi, to students in their courses, including internships and independent studies. Instructors shall specify what will be taught, when and how it will be taught, when and how learning will be assessed, ~~and~~ how grades will be assigned, and (for distance education courses) how student identity will be authenticated.

**The motion passed with 53 votes in favor, 4 against, and 2 abstentions**

**II.B.10. Academic Advising and Registration, Adding or Dropping Courses**

Students may drop courses before the end of the tenth day of classes without transcript notations. After the tenth day of classes and through the ninth week of the semester, a student may drop one course for any reason with permission from the student's advisor. No student is permitted to drop a course after the ninth week of classes or to drop more than one course after the first ten days of classes unless on the recommendation of the advisor, an exception is made by the dean or designee of the school or college in which the student is enrolled. Exceptions are made only for extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control. Poor academic performance is not considered a sufficient reason for dropping a course after the ninth week. Any course dropped after the first ten days of classes will receive a 'W' on the transcript. Exceptions to transcript notations can be made only by the Provost or designee. For the semesters Spring 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021, students may select a transcript notation of 'NRC' (No Record-COVID) to replace the 'W.'

**The motion passed with 45 votes in favor and 9 against**