Resolution Regarding Changes to the Add/Drop Policy

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Whereas, ASCRC recently recommended changes to UM’s add/drop policy;

Whereas, these changes are meant to align UM’s policies with the majority of add/drop policies with its peer institutions;

Whereas, these changes will provide students more time to seek advice from their advisors and instructors if they are struggling academically to determine if they should drop a course without penalty;

Whereas, the add date has been reduced by five days to improve the success rates of students who add courses past the first day of classes each semester;

Whereas, the add/drop policy changes are not meant to solve the inequities created by the course repeat policy, and therefore should be considered separately;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that ASUM supports and encourages the reinstatement of the option to add courses by paper forms between 11-45 days.

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Therefore Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM does not feel that this add/drop policy change is a solution to the course repeat issue, and reaffirms its stance on using the last grade for GPA calculations when a student repeats courses (see SB19,08/09).

Therefore Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourages the Faculty Senate to support this change to the add/drop policy.

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