

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
Academic Senate

**Resolution on Changing the Deadline for Withdrawing from a Course**

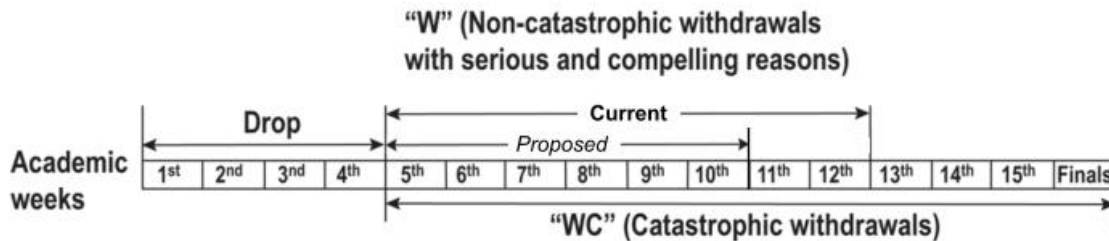
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**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the President that the period during which students can withdraw from classes with a serious and compelling reason earning a “W” on their academic transcripts be limited to the fifth through tenth week of the semester.

**RATIONALE:** *Current policy allows students to drop classes before the twelfth week of the semester. The requirement that students complete a drop before the end of the tenth week will improve student progress towards graduation and limit claims of serious and compelling reasons for dropping a course as final grades become imminent.*

*A withdrawal for catastrophic reasons beyond the student’s control (e.g., serious illness) remains an option at any time in the semester and may even be petitioned for after the semester is over.*

**Diagram showing when different types of withdrawals are permitted currently:**



If the resolution is adopted, the period for W (Non-catastrophic withdrawals with serious and compelling reasons) would end on Friday at 5pm of the tenth week of the semester.

PASSED – April 13, 2010 – Academic Senate  
APPROVED – May 14, 2010 – President Richmond