


INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO The Members of the Academic Affairs CommitteeDATE June 9, 1981FROM  Ray Nakley, President of Student Government

SUBJECT STUDENT PROPOSAL FOR NEW AUDIT POLICY

In light of the unanimous student opposition to the currently proposed audit policy and while respecting the legitimate concerns of the faculty I submit the following:

A student may register for and attend any course on an audit basis. To earn the grade of audit a student must attend one half or more of the regularly scheduled class sessions. There are no other requirements or responsibilities placed upon the student except that it is incumbent upon the auditor to arrange a mutually convenient method of recording attendance with the instructor. If the auditing student has attended less than one half of the regularly scheduled class sessions, the grade of audit or of no credit may be given at the discretion of the instructor.

Although auditing students are not held responsible for regular course work, or other assignments and preparations, they are entitled to take exams and to participate in all other regular classroom activities. If spaces for a field trip or other such special activities are legitimately limited auditing students may be excluded if their participation would actually prevent a credit-earning student from engaging in the activity. If, in the opinion of the instructor, and auditing student's lack of class attendance or completion of other regular course requirements renders the student unable to safely participate in a lab section or other comparable course activity, the student may be excluded from that particular activity by the instructor. An instructor should inform audit students of potential restriction based on the foregoing rationale in the course syllabus or by word of mouth if the syllabus will not be ready until after a student can no longer substitute or add a class.

A student who has registered for a course for ~~credit~~^{audit} may not change that status to ~~audit~~^{credit} after the last day to add a class. A student who has registered for a course for credit may not change that status to audit after the last day to drop a course with a grade of W. The student pays the regular tuition, as well as any other applicable fees, for the audit course. A student receiving financial aid should confer with the Financial Aid Office before electing to audit a course.

Admittedly, this proposal is very specific and lengthy. However, we feel strongly that auditing students must be protected in their right to benefit from a course and should be expected to attend a minimum number of classes. Your suggestions, comments, and questions are welcome.

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