

## Faculty Senate Resolution #13-41

Approved by the Faculty Senate: March 19, 2013

Approved by the Chancellor: April 17, 2013

Revisions to Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 approved University Academic Calendars to reflect approved change to last day for graduate students to drop courses without grades

Background: The Graduate Council approved on 4/16/12 a change in the last day for graduate students to drop courses without grades, with Chancellor Ballard approving this on 2/28/13. This policy change moves the drop date earlier in the term. Under existing policy, courses could be dropped 2 weeks prior to the beginning of final exams with 86% of the term completed. This policy led to reckless course drops by graduate students and abuse of financial aid. The new deadline for graduate students to drop courses without grades that will be included in the *University Graduate Catalog* states: *The last day for a graduate student to drop a course and receive no grade is 5:00 PM on the class day after 64% of the class days are completed for the term. During Fall and Spring terms this corresponds to the 45<sup>th</sup> class day of the term.*

Therefore, the Calendar Committee proposes the following revisions (noted in **bold**) to the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 approved University Academic Calendars:

Fall 2013

<del>December 2, Monday</del> <b>Thursday, October 24</b>	Last day for graduate students to drop courses without grades by 5:00 pm.
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Spring 2014

<del>April 17, Thursday</del> <b>Monday, March 24</b>	Last day for graduate students to drop courses without grades by 5:00 pm.
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