University Advisors’ Network  
March 15, 2017  
9:30 -11:00am

9:30: Welcome & Approval of Minutes  
Loren Knapp  
Claire Robinson

Approval of February Minutes  
Approved


9:40: New policy on Withdrawal  
Lisa Jerald  
Mary Katherine Robinson

Starting Fall 2017, as approved by the Faculty Senate, all withdrawals after the WF date will be handled by a Provost’s Office special committee to insure fair and uniform review and resolution of petitions. This will also include all petitions for retroactive withdrawal after the end of the semester for which the request is made.

The changes in classes during drop/add period and withdrawals before the WF date will stay the same as presently constituted. Petitions will be considered twice each academic semester and once during the summer session. Contact people are the Dean of Students, the Student Ombudsman and a to-be-named Withdrawal Coordinator.

10:00: On Your Time  
Shelley Dempsey  
Amanda Therrell

OYT is managed out the Provost’s Office and has as its mission graduation on time for all students. The University has restructured the summer sessions to allow for full-time enrollment, just as the academic year semesters do. This allows students to complete their degrees in an accelerated fashion, should they so desire. Financial aid and many scholarships are applicable for use in the summer semester. The OYT office also has supplemental course offerings online, during the evening and on weekends. Non-degree seeking students are advised by the OYT office, which also facilitates senior citizen tuition waivers for SC citizens 60 years and older. The efforts of the OYT Office are also critical to retention, progression and increases in the 4-6 year graduation rates.

10:30: New changes to transfer work on record  
Aaron Marterer

Starting in Fall 2017 transfer credit from non-USC institutions will not be used to calculate grades. Only institutional grades will be calculated for a student’s gpa. Transfer courses will not be accepted if grades are less than C-, or if the course is technical or remedial in nature. Likewise, coursework from non-regionally accredited schools will not transfer for credit. Military coursework will be considered as applicable on a case-by-case basis. Technical courses can be changed to UNEL status.
after appropriate review. Transfer tables are being reworked to the new format, but that effort has not yet been completed. A student’s full record is available to view using BDMS.

10:45: Advising Updates

Claire Robinson

- New Policy on Academic Program Dismissal/Undergraduate Studies
  
  A new policy on Academic Program Dismissal/Undergraduate Studies was passed by faculty senate that will be implemented in Fall 2017. The policy states: Students dismissed from a program for failing to meet academic progression requirements will be reassigned to Undergraduate Studies and will be advised by the University Advising Center. Students assigned to Undergraduate Studies will have a maximum of two semesters before declaring a new program of study. At the conclusion of two semesters enrolled at full-time status, students who have not declared a major/program within a degree-granting college will have a registration hold placed and will be unable to enroll in coursework. There were questions regarding academic standards and the length of time a student can stay in Undergraduate studies without being suspended.

- Level One training/certification updates

  - L1 in progress = 101; L1 training completed 76, L1 certified 42
  - Certification requires use/notes entry into DW and Pathfinder. Several advising office are planning to fully utilize the notes function this spring and over the summer

- Pathfinder New User Trainings offered three times this Spring: Register online.

  - Thurs. March 30 (9-11 a.m.);
  - Thurs. April 27 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.);
  - Wed. May 3 (3-5 p.m.)
  - A reminder that there are two launch dates: May 1st and August 1st. All advisors becoming new users of pathfinder for scheduling should plan to attend one session. Handout given.

- Change of Major advising (Collin Stout): In consultation with the colleges/schools, a new major change plan was shared. UAN members approved the information. Nursing and Pharmacy were not present, thus their approval is pending.

- Study Abroad: The Advisor’s Orientation (Chrissie Faupe)

  - Friday, April 28th 11am- 3pm
  - Advisors are encouraged to attend this session designed for academic advisors and supplemental advisors. Register online or email them. Handout given.

11:00: Adjourn

Remaining UAN Meeting Dates

April 19th: Orientation

UAN Website: Dates, minutes, handouts, roster, etc. available online at www.sc.edu/advising:
**Pathfinder: New User Training**

**Becoming a new user of the Pathfinder system?**

Learn the basics in this session and start down the path of becoming a skilled user. Discover the many features of this advising tool, such as appointment scheduling, predictive risk, course success markers, alerts to campus resources and more!

Location

Close-Hipp 003
Refreshments will be provided.

Dates

March 30th
9AM-11AM

April 27th
10AM-12PM

May 3rd
3PM-5PM

Please bring a laptop to this session.

Register online at sc.edu/advising and click on the Advising Toolbox.

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**All Advisors**

who are new users to Pathfinder should register online for **one** of the following trainings.

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**Pathfinder Implementation Timeline**

**Summer 2017 (Go-Live May 1, 2017)**

- College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management
- School of Music
- College of Social Work
- College of Pharmacy
- SC Honors College
- Office of Fellowships and Scholars Advising
- Student Success Center

**Fall 2017 (Go-Live August 1, 2017)**

- College of Engineering and Computing
- Darla Moore School of Business
- College of Nursing
- College of Arts and Sciences
- Tentative launch for Study Abroad Advisors, USC Connect/Graduation with Leadership Distinction advisors, Capstone Consultations, Undergraduate Research, International Student Services, and the Opportunity Scholars Program advisors
The Advisor’s Orientation to Study Abroad

Friday, April 28, 2017
11am–3pm
Close Hipp Building

This orientation, open to all academic and supplemental advisors, will provide an in-depth look at study abroad. Topics to be covered include:

- The importance of study abroad
- How grades, credits and transcripts transfer back to USC
- How financial aid works
- Hear from students about their own study abroad experiences
- Meet with your study abroad liaison to learn about programming specific to your department
- Learn about opportunities for you to go abroad

Lunch is included in the program, as well as the opportunity to win study abroad prizes! To register for this event, please RSVP here or contact the Study Abroad Office. Please register by April 7.
Undergraduate Bulletin Withdrawal Policy

Effective Fall 2017
Previous Policy Key Points

- Withdrawal after “WF” deadline
- Process housed in each specific college
  - Process varied across colleges
    - partial withdrawal
    - additional petitions student must complete
- Request for Assignment of W Grade for Extenuating Circumstances (AS-122A) Form
  - Requires professor signatures
Previous Policy Disadvantages

• Current coordination of the process requires sign off from multiple individuals
• Burden on student and college to gather professor’s signatures
• Lack of equitable processing of hardship withdrawal
• Title IX Considerations
  – Mandated reporters
• Verification and standardization of documentation
• FERPA and HIPAA
New Policy Key Changes

• Definition and Clarification
  • Free Drop/Add Period
  • Course Withdrawal Period
  • Course Withdraw Fail Period
  • Hardship Withdrawal (previously Withdrawal for Extenuating Circumstances)
New Policy Key Changes

• Hardship Withdrawal
  – No change prior to “WF” deadline
  – After “WF” deadline until the last day of classes for that semester
    • Process is housed in the Office of the Dean of Students
    • Student Petitions
    • Reviewed by the Office of Dean of Students
    • Approved petitions send to Office of the Registrar
New Policy Key Changes

• Hardship Withdrawal cont.
  – After the last day of classes for the semester

• Hardship Withdrawal Committee (process subject to change)
  – Meets twice during major semesters and once during the summer
  – Representation from departments and colleges across campus
    i. Must include faculty/college representation
  – Approved petitions will be send to the Office of the Registrar
New Policy Key Changes

• Hardship Withdrawal cont.
  – Title IX Obligations

• Course Drop and Withdrawal Chart
Roles (tentative)

• Dean of Students

• Ombudsman

• Withdrawal Coordinator
REPORT: COMMITTEE ON SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS
(For consideration by the Faculty Senate at the meeting on December 7, 2016)

Proposed Changes to the Undergraduate Bulletin: Hardship Withdrawal
Recommended by the Associate and Assistant Deans’ Council, September 8, 2016

Rationale for Proposed Changes:
It is becoming common practice in higher education for hardship withdrawal petitions to be directed to a single contact point. These changes should improve the student experience during a difficult process, as well as ensure consistency in decision-making and Title IX reporting across all schools/colleges on campus.

Undergraduate Bulletin
http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=52&navoid=1280#Course_and_Academic_Credit_Policies

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| An undergraduate student may drop a course via Self Service Carolina. Courses from which the student withdraws by the last day to change a course schedule or drop without a grade of W will not be recorded on a student’s permanent record. Thereafter, during the first seven weeks of a semester, the grade of W will be recorded on a student’s transcript, but the semester hours will not enter into the computation of grade point average. In summer sessions and other shortened sessions this period will be 50 percent of the total number of class hours instead of seven weeks. (See the University’s academic and refund calendars on the registrar’s Web site.) Removal of a W grade is not permitted except in cases of documented administrative error. Students dropping a course or withdrawing from the University after the first seven weeks of a semester will normally receive a grade of WF. A WF is treated as an F in the evaluation of suspension conditions and in computing the student’s grade point average. | Free Drop/Add Period: During the Free Drop/Add period, undergraduate students have the ability to add and remove courses from their schedule through Self Service Carolina. For each course, the Free Drop/Add period begins during the official first day of the course and extends to a minimum of 6% of the Part of Term* in which the course is scheduled. Courses removed during the Free Drop/Add period will not be recorded on a student’s transcript. Details regarding Free Drop/Add dates can be found on the Self Service Carolina log-in page under the “Academics” sections.  
https://my.sc.edu/codes/ |

Students are prevented from dropping or adding courses during the Free Drop/Add Period if they have an active registration hold on their record.
Students who stop attending classes without officially withdrawing will have the grade of “FN” recorded for all courses. This grade is included in all calculations and totals. Withdrawal from courses after the last day of classes is not permitted.

Exceptions to the assignment of a grade of WF are possible for verifiable, documented reasons. If a student must either drop a course or withdraw from the University for medical reasons, because of a learning disability, as verified by the University’s Office of Student Disability Services; or for another acceptable major cause after the penalty date (last day to receive a W), the grade of W may still be assigned. A Request for Assignment of W Grade for Extenuating Circumstances After Penalty Date form (AS-122A) must originate with the student’s academic dean and must be approved by the course instructor(s) and returned to the Office of the University Registrar by the dean.

Withdrawal from the University

All full or part-time students wishing to withdraw from the University or to discontinue enrollment from all courses for the semester should do so by dropping all courses via Self Service Carolina. Staff members in the University Advising Center are available to discuss with students the withdrawal process. Students requesting withdrawal for extenuating circumstances after the penalty date (last date for W grade) should see their College Dean.

Withdrawal from courses after the last day of classes is not permitted. Students absent from any final exams will be given a grade of F for the course if they have not provided an excuse acceptable to the instructor. If excused, they will be given a grade of I and may complete the course through deferred examination.

*Part of Term: Each course is associated with a specific part of the term for the semester or a specific date range in which the course is held. For example, Part of Term can refer to Full Term courses that run the full major semester (fall or spring) or Half Term courses that run only half of a major semester. Each Part of Term has specific drop/add, withdrawal, and withdrawal fail dates. Details regarding Part of Term dates can be found on the Self Service Carolina log-in page under the “Academics” sections.

Course Withdrawal Period: During the Withdrawal Period, undergraduate students have the ability to withdraw from a course with no grade penalty through Self Service Carolina. For each course, the Withdrawal Period begins after the Free Drop/Add Period and extends to a minimum of 50% of the Part of Term* in which the course is scheduled. Courses from which a student withdraws during this period are recorded on a student’s transcript as a W; however, the semester hours will not be calculated in the computation of grade point average, count towards earned hours, or count towards graded hours. Courses that have a recorded grade of W will count towards attempted hours. Details regarding course Withdrawal dates can be found on the Self Service Carolina log-in page under the “Academics” sections. https://my.sc.edu/codes/

Students are prevented from withdrawing from courses during the Withdrawal Period if they have an active registration hold on their record.

Course Withdrawal Fail Period: During the Withdrawal Fail Period, undergraduate students have the ability to withdraw from a course with a penalty grade through Self Service Carolina. For each course, the Withdrawal Fail Period begins after the Withdrawal Period and extends up to 100% of the Part of Term* in which the course is scheduled. Courses from which a student withdraws with a grade of WF during this period are treated as an F in the evaluation of
The date of withdrawal from the University will be posted on student transcripts.

Any student withdrawing within the scheduled refund period (see academic and refund calendars on the registrar’s Web site) can expect to receive a refund through the mail in approximately four to six weeks (see “Refund Procedures”). If at the time of withdrawal the student has any financial obligations to the University, these will be deducted from any refund due. When students who are recipients of federal financial aid withdraw from all classes, they are entitled to retain only a percentage of the federal financial aid received that is proportional to the time they remained enrolled. If, for example, students withdraw after completing 30 percent of the semester or summer term, they can retain only 30 percent of the federal financial aid they received. The balance, 70 percent, must be returned to the financial aid programs. The Office of the Bursar performs this calculation, and students are notified by mail of the outcome. The same percentage applies to the amount of federal financial aid that the school may retain toward accrued charges. Additional information regarding the University’s Withdrawal Refund Appeals procedures can be found in the Fees and Refunds section of the bulletin.

Students who have received long-term loans through the University (Perkins, nursing, and health professions) must contact the Student Loan Accounting Office for an exit interview. Failure to participate in this exit interview may result in a hold being placed on transcripts.

Students who have received a Stafford, PLUS, or Supplemental Student Loan while enrolled at the University must attend an exit loan counseling session. Students are notified by mail to complete this requirement using the Web.

academic standing, computation of grade point average, and graded hours. Details regarding course Withdrawal Fail dates can be found on the Self Service Carolina log-in page under the “Academics” sections. https://my.sc.edu/codes/

Students are prevented from withdrawing from courses during the Withdrawal Fail Period if they have an active registration hold on their record.

**Hardship Withdrawal**

During and after the Withdrawal Fail Period, it may be necessary for a student to withdraw from all courses for the semester due to a significant personal hardship (e.g., medical or family emergency, prolonged illness, other medical or traumatic event). In these situations, students are able to petition for a Hardship Withdrawal from courses through the Office of the Dean of Students or the Hardship Withdrawal Committee. Each Palmetto College Campus has an equivalent hardship withdrawal process for managing petitions from students enrolled on their campus.

Hardship Withdrawal petitions, including verified documentation of hardship, submitted during the Withdrawal Fail Period until the last day of courses for the semester will be reviewed by the Office of the Dean of Students. Approved petitions will be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for grade assignments of W for all courses that semester on the student’s transcript.

The Office of the Dean of Students will notify the student’s instructors and their home college of the withdrawal.

Hardship Withdrawal petitions, including verified documentation of hardship, submitted after the last day of courses for the semester will be reviewed by the Hardship Withdrawal Committee that must include faculty and college/school representation. Approved petitions
Students in the National Guard or armed forces reserves who are placed on active duty by order of the president of the United States or the governor of their state should pursue withdrawal from courses according to the provisions of the University’s policy titled “Withdrawal of Students Called to Active Military Service” (ACAF 3.05). Active duty military personnel who are reassigned during an academic term may also invoke the provisions of this policy.

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Prior to a Hardship Withdrawal decision being made, all documentation is subject to verification by the Office of the Dean of Students and/or the Hardship Withdrawal Committee, including but not limited to class attendance, class participation, or supporting documentation. If false documentation or misrepresented information is submitted, students will be referred for alleged violation of the USC Honor Code and the Hardship Withdrawal request will be denied.

A Hardship Withdrawal to selectively withdraw from some courses, while remaining enrolled in other courses, will be permitted only under exceptional circumstances and must be approved by the Office of the Dean of Students in consultation with appropriate colleges/schools. The Office of the Dean of Students will submit a report of selective withdrawal decisions for verification to the Hardship Withdrawal Committee at the end of each semester.

Information regarding the University’s Withdrawal Refund Appeals procedures can be found in the Fees and Refunds section of the bulletin.

**Title IX Obligations**

Information contained in Hardship Withdrawal petitions is private and not shared with instructors, departments, or colleges/schools outside of the Hardship Withdrawal Committee. However, in accordance with the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and University policy, if sexual misconduct information is included in a student’s petition, the Office of the Dean of Students and/or the Hardship Withdrawal Committee is obligated to report the matter to USC’s Title IX coordinator.
**Withdrawing via Self-Service Carolina:** Students can withdraw for the semester by withdrawing from all courses on Self Service Carolina. Students are encouraged to consider the Hardship Withdrawal Process if they are withdrawing during the Withdrawal Fail Period.

**Active Duty Military Withdrawal**

Students in the National Guard or armed forces reserves who are placed on active duty by order of the president of the United States or the governor of their state should pursue withdrawal from courses according to the provisions of the University’s policy titled “Withdrawal of Students Called to Active Military Service” (ACAF 3.05). Active duty military personnel who are reassigned during an academic term may also invoke the provisions of this policy. [http://www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/acaf305.pdf](http://www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/acaf305.pdf)

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### Course Drop and Withdrawal Chart

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Petitions are subject to review by the Office of the Dean of Students | Financial Aid
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| After 100% of classes     | W grades will be recorded for all courses for approved petitions
Petitions are subject to review by the Hardship Withdrawal Committee | Financial Aid
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“On Your Time is our commitment to timely graduation and reducing student debt. We have re-engineered the academic year so that we teach all twelve months. Now, students don’t have to take an annual summer sabbatical. Instead, they can accelerate their path to graduation, saving time and money.”

Dr. Harris Pastides – 2015 State of the University Address
The mission of On Your Time Initiatives is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to graduate on time.
First-Year Retention

FT/FT Freshman Retention Rate

- 2004: 83.1%
- 2005: 85.8%
- 2006: 86.9%
- 2007: 87.2%
- 2008: 86.7%
- 2009: 85.9%
- 2010: 86.8%
- 2011: 87.2%
- 2012: 88.1%
- 2013: 87.9%
- 2014: 88.1%
FT/FT Freshman Graduation Rates

Entering Class Year

- 4-year
- 5-year
- 6-year

Graduation Rates

- 44.9%
- 45.8%
- 45.7%
- 51.2%
- 53.0%
- 53.9%
- 55.7%
- 54.7%
- 54.4%
- 58.0%

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What is On Your Time?

Summer Semester

- Restructured to promote ease of scheduling a full course load
- Scheduling classes needed for retention & progression
- No classes on Fridays – used for student support services
- Summer tuition for a full load matches that of Fall and Spring
What is On Your Time?
(continued)

Supplemental Course Offerings
• Including online, evening, weekend, and accelerated classes

Non-Degree Students
• Including transient, concurrent, and exchange students

Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver
• SC residents who are age 60+
• Tuition is waived – Students must pay fees
• Students register on the first day of classes each semester
How can you help?

• Tell OYT about the undergraduate degrees in your unit that can be completed in less than four years. We’ll begin promoting accelerated degrees in the Fall of 2017.

• Tell others about the services and programs that are located in OYT so that we can better assist students. *Sending students to OYT allows us to assist them in navigating the University BEFORE they get frustrated.*

• Suggest supplemental course offerings to meet the demands of your students. OYT pays a standardized stipend to all instructors teaching “Y” classes.

• Consider other ways that your area can partner with OYT to encourage retention of students and progression toward degree completion.
What can we do to help you?

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FALL 2017: CHANGES TO TRANSFER CREDIT DISPLAY IN SSC
Transfer GPA will no longer be calculated and included in the Overall GPA

Only hours that can be used toward a degree will count towards the Earned Hours total.

Non-degree applicable courses will no longer appear on the student record

This type of coursework includes:
  - Coursework with Transfer Grades below “C-”
  - Technical Coursework
  - Remedial Coursework
  - Non-regionally Accredited Coursework

Military coursework is evaluated on a case-by-case basis
Currently, all coursework receives an equivalent – regardless of whether or not the course can be applied toward a degree (technical, remedial, non-transferable grade).

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The earned hours column includes hours earned through technical coursework, remedial courses used toward the LIFE scholarship, and transfer grades below "C-".

All transfer credit is factored into the Overall GPA.
For students admitted Summer/Fall 2017 onward, transfer credit will not affect the GPA and only degree-applicable courses will display on the record.
Notice how only those courses that can apply to a USC degree have been granted an equivalent. Courses that are technical, remedial, and courses with a grade below C- transfer grade are not awarded a USC equivalent.

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In the Transcript Totals, there are no Quality Points and GPA calculated for Transfer Totals.

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WHY DO SOME USC STUDENTS HAVE TRANSFER GPAS WHILE OTHERS DO NOT?

- The change will affect both students who are admitted starting Summer/Fall 2017 and currently enrolled students who bring in transient or study abroad work.

- Transfer work added to students’ records prior to Summer 2017 will remain unchanged in order to preserve the transfer equivalencies associated with students’ transfer coursework at the time the coursework was evaluated.

- A current or former student, who has transfer work on their record, may see their transfer GPA removed if they add transfer work to their record starting Summer 2017. This may occur if the student completes transient or study abroad coursework.
HOW WILL LIFE GPA BE CALCULATED MOVING FORWARD? DOESN’T THAT REQUIRE AN “OVERALL” GPA?

- Though the transfer GPA will no longer be displayed on the student record, a LIFE Scholarship GPA will be calculated automatically for all students enrolled on USC campuses through a custom calculator.
- The LIFE GPA will include transfer coursework including LIFE-eligible technical and remedial college coursework.
- The LIFE GPA will be displayed to students and advisors in Self Service Carolina and DegreeWorks.
- The LIFE GPA will be similar in nature to our current “Overall GPA”
WHAT ARE NON-DEGREE APPLICABLE COURSES?

Non-degree applicable transfer courses are courses which would not apply to any degree. Non-degree applicable courses include …

- courses which have been evaluated by a USC campus as remedial or technical in nature;
- courses which have been taken at a non-accredited postsecondary institutions;
- or courses in which students earned below a grade of“C-“.

*Military credit is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.*
HOW DO I KNOW IF A TRANSFER COURSE HAS BEEN EVALUATED AS TECHNICAL, REMEDIAL, OR NON-ACCREDITED?

- Courses Evaluated as technical, remedial, or non-accredited will appear in the USC Course Equivalency Tables and no equivalency will be listed next to the course.

- USC Course Equivalency Tables can be found at:

  https://my.sc.edu/codes/transferequiv/index