THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 12: **Change to the number of possible course withdrawals**

Effective Date: Fall 2021

1. **Delete:** On page 41, the first two paragraphs in the **"Withdraw"** listing:

> **Withdraw**—After the Schedule Adjustment Week, a student may withdraw from a full semester course through the end of the 8th week of class, and a Term I or Term II course through the end of the 16th day of classes. A student who withdraws in this way will receive a grade of W for the course. Withdrawal (W) hours count as Attempted Hours and are used in the calculation of academic standing.
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> Students are limited to three (3) course withdrawals while enrolled at UNC Asheville. Exceptions may be granted for students who withdraw from all courses due to extenuating or emergency circumstances. See the section on Withdrawal (Exit) from the University.

Add: On page 41, in place of deleted entry:

> Withdraw—After the Schedule Adjustment Week, a student may withdraw from a full semester course through the end of the 9th week of class, and a Term I or Term II course through the end of the 4th week of classes. A student who withdraws in this way will receive a grade of W for the course. Withdrawal (W) hours count as Attempted Hours and are used in the calculation of academic standing.
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> Students may withdraw from a maximum of sixteen (16) credit hours while enrolled at UNC Asheville. Exceptions may be granted for students who withdraw from all courses due to extenuating or emergency circumstances. See the section on Withdrawal (Exit) from the University.

Impact: Increasing the number of allowable course withdrawals to 16 hours and extending the deadlines to withdraw should benefit students who may be struggling in their courses.

From a technical side, the adjustment to the withdrawal limit from courses to hours will allow us to implement a System Office modification to our Banner system that counts the total number of withdrawal hours a student has, which can then be used to better communicate to students how many withdrawal hours they have remaining.

Rationale: The UNC System Office policy (400.1.5[R], *Regulation Related to Fostering Undergraduate Student Success*) allows for a maximum of 4 course withdrawals (or 16 semester hours) through the 60% point in the term. These changes will bring the UNC Asheville policy for the number of withdrawals, and the deadlines to withdraw, in alignment with those allowed by the policy.

The System Office policy is designed to foster undergraduate student success while maintaining a consistent standard across the system. There is no benefit for UNC Asheville to be more restrictive than what the System Office policy allows. This will also bring UNC Asheville more in line with the policies of the other UNC institutions.

For your reference, below is the withdrawal policy information at all the UNC campuses:

UNC School	# of Weeks	Withdrawal Limit
ECSU	12	16 hours
FSU	11	16 hours
NCAT	11	16 hours
ASU	10	4 courses
ECU	10	16 hours
UNCC	10	16 hours
UNCP	10	15 hours
WSSU	10	16 hours

UNC School	# of Weeks	Withdrawal Limit
NCSU	9	16 hours
WCU	9	16 hours
NCCU	8	16 hours
UNC	8	16 hours
UNCA	8	3 courses
UNCG	7	16 hours
UNCW	7	16 hours
UNCSA	7	16 hours