



The University of Vermont  
FACULTY SENATE

Student Affairs Committee

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate  
From: Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Jennifer Prue, Co-Chair  
Date: October 7, 2021  
Re: Report-Out of Action Taken by the Student Affairs Committee that does not require a Faculty Senate vote

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On October 7, 2021, the Student Affairs Committee approved a request from the Provost's Office to grant late withdrawal flexibility for Fall 2021.

**Purpose of the Resolution for Late Withdrawal Flexibility for Fall 2021**

The purpose of late withdrawal flexibility for Fall 2021 remains the same as for the previous semesters in which it was granted, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021: to acknowledge the broad disruption of students' education caused by the pandemic, and to acknowledge that these disruptions may not directly involve medical issues, but are similarly unpredictable in their timing and in the delayed and extended impact they may have on students' ability to complete their coursework. This flexibility is exercised by the Student Services/Dean's office staff who normally manage late withdraw requests, and requires the same documentation process as for late withdrawals that conform to the standard policy in place. The resolution below was brought forward to the SAC by Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Student Success J. Dickinson, and was unanimously approved by the SAC.

**Resolution approved by the SAC on Thursday, 10/7/2021:**

For the Fall 2021 semester, the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate supports the Student Services Collaborative in their work with UVM students by granting additional flexibility in the reasons and specific documentation required to grant a late withdrawal request for a student. Students will need to follow regular late withdrawal procedures by requesting a late withdrawal from their Dean's office. The Dean's office will gather more information about the student's situation and will determine whether extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19 played a significant role in the student's ability to progress in the courses or courses for which a withdraw is requested. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis and all emails and other documentation related to the process will be kept to support records of all approved W requests. This flexibility is for the Fall 2021 semester only.