



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Report # 3224

To: Faculty Council

From: Professor L. L. Diosady
Chair, Committee on Examinations

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Item: Proposed Granting of Late Withdrawal Status

Recommendation:

That the granting of Late Withdrawal (LWD) status as a non-grade designation for students enrolled in courses offered by the Faculty of Arts & Science be approved.

Highlights:

- Students pursuing a degree in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering may request to withdraw without petition from a total of no more than 3.0 FCEs of HSS/CS and Free Elective courses offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, provided the request is made by the last day of term in the relevant course. **This provision does not apply to courses offered by the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, including HSS/CS or free elective courses offered by the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering.**
- Students will make such requests to their departmental counsellor, who has the authorization to approve such requests if the circumstances warrant approval of an exception to the normal Drop deadlines.
- Approved withdrawals under this procedure will be noted on the academic record by the course designation LWD (Late Withdrawal). This course status will have no effect on the GPA, Sessional Averages, or other elements of the academic record

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The proposed designation of Late Withdrawal is a means to assist students, in consultations with their departmental counsellors, to resolve circumstances where they have fallen, due to personal or other conditions, severely behind in an HSS/CS/Free Elective course offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science on the St. George Campus.

Students should contact their departmental office immediately if they have fallen very far behind and qualify for the remedy. Students, in consultation with their counsellors, will evaluate what led to the predicament and explore strategies to prevent problems in the future.

Closing Remarks:

The Late Withdrawal status was approved by the Arts & Science Council on February 8, 2008 based on a tri-campus initiative. It is proposed that Faculty Council approve this designation and offer Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students enrolled in Arts & Science courses the same access to this remedy mechanism and, in turn, reduce strain on the petitions process.

Financial Implications:

There are no significant financial resources required to implement this proposal.