Faculty Handbook
Revisions for 2021-22

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The following recommended Faculty Handbook revisions are the result of actions by the Faculty Senate and approvals by the Provost during the academic year 2021-2022.

Item 1: Section 6.3 Student Absences From Class (6.3.1.5)

Section 6.3 Student Absences From Class. Approved by Faculty Senate on December 13, 2021.

Explanation: This change provides consistency with current Health Service practice as well as privacy regulations (Healthcare Insurance Portability and Affordability Act).

6.3.1.5 The Student Health Services DOES NOT write medical excuses for students who miss a class for illness or injury. However, faculty may call Student Health Services at (828) 262-3100 to verify the day and time the student was seen. The nature of the student’s illness or problem will not be divulged unless the student has signed the appropriate release of medical information. The student, however, may share their health information including that they were seen, along with the automatic notification. The Student Health Service works with the Office of the Dean of Students for longer term medical absences.