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FACULTY SENATE
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Class B Bulletin No. 187

June 6, 2017

General Legislative Action

At its meeting on May 18, 2017, the Faculty Senate approved Class B legislation to amend *Student Governance and Policies*, Chapter 102: Priority Registration. President Cauce has also approved the proposed legislation. This legislation gives eligible ROTC student priority registration. The faculty was given the opportunity to submit written objections to its substantive nature, under the *Faculty Code*, Chapter 22, [Section 22-74](#) Senate Procedure: Class B Actions. There was one objection to this legislation.

Class B Legislation
Student Governance and Policies
Scholastic Regulations
Chapter 102. 2.B

Background and Rationale:

The phrase, “veterans and National Guard members and their spouses” is in accordance with [RCW 28B.15.624](#). While not required by state law, FCAS believes that bestowing the same privilege on ROTC students who have contracted for military service following graduation would be in the spirit of that law. In making this request, FCAS considered the following:

- The revision removes reference to RCW 28B.15.624, which expires August 1, 2022, as members did not wish to see this UW policy expire at that time.
- The addition of “domestic partners” was made in the spirit of the law, as defined in RCW 28B.15.621, referred to in RCW 28B.15.624.
- Most of the ROTC students at the UW (roughly 80-90 percent most years) are active duty service members, National Guard or civilians on scholarships awarded through a competitive national selection process. All of these students are contractually obligated for military service following graduation for a minimum of four years and, depending upon military career choices, as many as eight years.
- Once contracted, if a student fails to meet the requirements of the ROTC program academically, physically or morally, then that student must either perform four years of enlisted service or repay the government for the cost of the scholarship.
- The categories of students listed in SGP, Chapter 102, Section 2.B are placed in order of the likelihood of constraints on their time, except for the veterans, National Guard members and their spouses, as specified by state law. These students are afforded priority registration by virtue of, and in appreciation for, their past or ongoing service to the nation. We believe that a similar level of appreciation for *contracted* future service to be reasonable and equitable.
- If approved, this change in the SGP would apply to 175-200 students per year, across all three ROTC units and all UW campuses.
- The UW would not be unique in affording ROTC students this privilege; a partial list of schools that already offer Priority 1 Registration to ROTC students includes: USC, UC Irvine, Radford,

William & Mary, UVA, Purdue, Indiana, Ohio State, Drexel, Toledo, Kent State, Cal State Fresno, Cal State Fullerton, Arkansas, Kentucky.

- The ROTC units and the Office of the Registrar have developed procedures for implementing this change, should the Faculty Senate approve.
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B. Registration Period 1

Registration period 1 is designed primarily to accommodate currently registered matriculated students. It occurs during the latter half of the quarter preceding that for which the student is registering excluding Summer Quarter. Registration priority dates are assigned according to the following sequence: disabled students, athletes, eligible veterans and national guard members and their spouses and domestic partners as defined in [RCW 28B.15.624](#), ROTC students contracted to service following graduation, students with graduating senior priority status, graduate students, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen.

Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
May 8, 2017

Approved by:
Faculty Senate
May 18, 2017



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Ana Mari Cauce
Professor of Psychology
PRESIDENT

May 19, 2017

Mike Townsend

Secretary of the Faculty
Associate Professor, School of Law
Faculty Director, Ph.D. in Law Program

Dear Professor Townsend;

I have reviewed Class B Legislation #187 proposed by the Faculty Senate on May 18, 2017 to amend *Student Governance and Policies*, Chapter 102, Priority Registration. I approve the proposed legislation for consideration by the faculty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ana Mari Cauce".

cc Zoe Barsness, Chair, Faculty Senate
 Gerald J. Baldasty, Provost and Executive Vice President
 Rebecca Deardorff, Director of Rules Coordination
 Margaret Shepherd, Chief Strategy Officer



June 6, 2017

Ana Mari Cauce, President
Office of the President

SUBJECT: Class B Legislation 187: Amending *Student Governance and Policies*, Chapter 102:
Priority Registration

Dear President Cauce:

This is to inform you that the attached legislation to amend *Student Governance and Policies*, Chapter 102: Priority Registration went into effect on June 2, 2017. There was one objection to this legislation out of 4,750 eligible voters. Objections from five percent of the voting faculty would have sent this legislation back to the Senate for further consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Townsend".

Mike Townsend
Secretary of the Faculty

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cc: Zoe Barsness, Chair, Faculty Senate
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