

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: September 29, 2019

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SUBJECT: Success Week Policy

Description: 1) The current Success Week policy is unclear and inconsistent with practice. I have attached a proposed update with changes tracked. I ask for input from the Committee regarding the revisions, and eventual approval.

Rationale: *The Success Week policy needs to be clarified.*

Financial Implications: *None*

Proposed Effective Date:

Request for Action: *Referral to the Faculty Handbook committee*

Approved by: *Academic Affairs Committee on date 10/28/2019*

Faculty Senate on date 11/4/2019

Attachments Yes X No

SUCCESS WEEK POLICY:

Success Week refers to the last week of classes (the week before final exams) in a normal 15 week semester. It does not apply to part-of-term courses (condensed courses consisting of fewer than 15 weeks).

For academic programs, the following guidelines apply:

- A. Faculty are encouraged to utilize Success Week as a time for review of course material in preparation for the final examination. If an examination must be given during Success Week, it should be given on Monday or Tuesday of Success Week. Assignments worth no more than 10% of the final grade and covering no more than one-fourth of assigned reading material in the course should be given or due during the first two days of Success Week.
- B. Major course assignments (extensive research papers, projects, etc.) should be due by the week prior to Success Week and should be assigned early in the semester. Any modifications to assignments should be made in a timely fashion to give students adequate time to complete the assignments.
- C. If a major course assignment must be given during Success Week, it should be due on Monday or Tuesday of Success Week. Exceptions include class presentations by students and semester-long projects such as a project assignment in lieu of a final. Participation and attendance grades during this week are acceptable.

This policy excludes make-up assignments, make-up tests, take-home final exams, and laboratory examinations. It also does not apply to classes meeting one day a week for more than one hour. All University laboratory classes are exempt from this policy.

University departments shall not sponsor any meetings of registered student organizations and such organizations shall be encouraged to refrain from conducting any organizational activity or meeting during Success Week.

Instructors may petition their Dean or Department Chair if they believe the policy jeopardizes or impairs their ability to teach.

The Deans and Department chairs will publicize and monitor this policy.

<https://washburn.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-resources/policies-forms/forms/success-week-policy.pdf>