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May 8, 2018

Provost Maurie McInnis
The University of Texas at Austin MAI 4005
Campus Mail Code: G3400 Dear Provost McInnis:

Dear Provost McInnis,

Enclosed for your consideration and action is a proposal to add wording to the faculty notification of a student dropping a course (D 16570). The motion was unanimously approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting yesterday. Following your review of the proposal, please provide your recommendation for approval or disapproval to President Fenves. Final approval resides with his office.

Let me know if you have questions or if I can provide other information concerning this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan W. Friedman".

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and
Comparative Literature

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cc: Carlos E. Martinez, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
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DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

MOTION TO ADD WORDING TO FACULTY NOTIFICATION OF A STUDENT DROPPING A COURSE

On May 7, 2018, Professor Brian L. Evans (Electrical and Computer Engineering) put forth a motion to the Faculty Council to add wording to the faculty notification of a student dropping a course. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. Final approval resides with the President.



Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council
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MOTION TO ADD WORDING TO FACULTY NOTIFICATION OF A STUDENT DROPPING A COURSEBackground:

On April 17, 2018, a *Daily Texan* article offered an easy-to-implement idea to support the mental health of our students.¹ The article suggested adding language to the notice about student well-being. When a student initiates a course drop with his/her college/school, the college/school would then notify the instructor(s).

The first and second paragraphs of the below proposed language were approved by Dean of Students and Counseling and Mental Health Center, respectively.

Motion:

Add the following wording to the instructor notification of a student initiating a course drop.

If you have any concerns about or for this or any member of our campus community, please call the Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL) at (512) 232-5050.

As a reminder, if a student is experiencing a mental health crisis, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC) crisis line is available 24/7 at (512) 471-2255. Feel free to distribute this number to students.

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¹ <http://www.dailytexanonline.com/2018/04/17/let%E2%80%99s-help-professors-help-struggling-students>