Resolution on Student Accommodations

History

Sept 2018 Senate discussion

Developed over 2018-19.

Resolution posted May 2019

Further fine tuning online commenting in September.
What’s the Problem?

The Faculty Handbook has some language about religious observance accommodations.

It says little or nothing about other accommodations, e.g., disabilities, varsity athletics, job interviews, family emergencies, medical emergencies, extracurricular activities, etc.

Things are generally working, but the number of negative accommodation stories that come my way signals a need for more work on this topic.

Practical guidelines and clarity are necessary to reduce angst and confusion...
The Resolution

If approved then what the Faculty Handbook says about student accommodations will be replaced with this single comprehensive section that offers examples and covers:

- Disabilities
- Religious Observance
- Title IX-Related Accommodations
- Varsity Athletics
- Medical Accommodations
- Military Service Accommodations
- Variety of Other Situations
Remaining Concerns

Some faculty are feeling overwhelmed by the increasing number of requests. We have to address this issue. We have to “accommodate the accommodators”. Testing center? Proctor support?

A well-functioning accommodation scene depends on trust. This has to be stressed.
Call For a Vote

I support the proposed Faculty Handbook section on Student Accommodations.

Yes  ______
No   ______
Abstain  ______