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From Chairs:

Problem:

Currently Audit students have to wait two weeks before they can officially register. During this time, they are attending class and doing their best to do assigned work. Unfortunately they cannot complete assignments that are done through Canvas since they are not added in until they are officially enrolled in the class. In addition, for classes that are activity based classes, lab, or physical education classes there may be a liability issue associate with a student who is unregistered and participating during this two week period. In order for a student to stay current and caught up it is not reasonable to ask them not to attend the first two week either.

It is our understanding that the two week period was put in place to ensure that audit students do not take the space of a student who would like to enroll under normal terms. Our board policy does not mention a requirement for waiting two weeks, and other college's policies do not mention such and therefore must not be part of Title V. There are many conditions where an instructor should be able to add an audit student earlier than this two week period with a guarantee they are not taking the space from another student. For example, many instructors will only add students who attend the first day of class. So, if an instructor has extra space in his/her class and no other students other than the audit student attend the first day of class there would be no issue with a space being taken from another non-audit student. In addition there may be instructors who have very under enrolled classes and will add everyone that is interested up until the last day possible. We believe that the responsibility should be on the instructor to insure that spaces are not taken from non-audit students and that the instructors signature on the form is a contractual agreement as such.

Solution:

We propose that the two week wait period be removed and that we should allow instructors to add audit students immediately once the instructor has sign the audit form for the student.