

# SA passes resolution to change super audit policy

◆ SA proposes changes in attendance policies for those who opt to drop

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The Student Association unanimously moved Tuesday to change an attendance requirement in the super audit policy.

The resolution proposes students should be required to attend a class for 40 percent of an entire semester to avoid failing the class after he or she super audits it. The current attendance requirements to super audit a class are determined independently by each class instructor.

“There’s no set attendance percentage,” SA President Greg Threatt said. “We’re trying to set a standard that’s beneficial to students.”

SA Vice President Justin Cobb said many students are not happy with the current attendance policy. Cobb also said the resolution will allow students to decide when they will go to class.

“If you’ve gone a lot [to a class] all the way until you super audit it, you don’t have to go near as much after,” Cobb said.

“People can’t get out of classes because teachers set attendance records that are impossible or hard to follow,” Threatt said. “I’ve seen a few teachers who have given

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syllabuses that said ‘be there 90 percent of class.’”

Threatt said another purpose of the resolution is to keep teachers from abusing the system; however, the majority of teachers do not.

Cobb said, “Some teachers say that if you don’t come a certain amount of time after you super audit the class they’ll fail you.”

The 40 percent attendance requirement will benefit both the University

and the students, Threatt said.

“The University wouldn’t lose money on that system, and it would help students in the fact that we would know what the guidelines are to start out with,” Threatt said. “We won’t have to wait for the teacher to tell us ‘This is what you can do.’ We know from day one ‘If we do this, we can do this.’”

Threatt added if the procedure is followed, it will cut down on problems

and using the system will be easier.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to Provost Derek Hodgson, Vice President of Student Affairs Roy Ruby and President Donald Zacharias next week, Threatt said. He added he will propose the policy change in the summer.

“I’ll spend the summer getting in touch with deans of different schools, faculty, senate members and the executive council,” Threatt said. “If we can find a consensus among these people, then we’re in good shape.”

Threatt said he does not have any idea when the resolution will go into effect. He will be happy if the resolution is approved before Christmas.

“It’s a long process. It’s not something that we bring this week and will pass next week,” Threatt said.

Cobb said the resolution is fair to the students and many students will approve of it.

“They’re not being forced to go to class even after they super audited it. They don’t have to worry about failing,” Cobb said.

“I believe that we can achieve something positive from this,” Threatt said. “I believe that once we sit down and look at all the facts and figures and the benefits of it, I’m sure that we can find some meaningful proposition that works and is more beneficial to the students.”