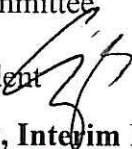




MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2012

TO: Jeff West, IPC Committee Chair
Senate Executive Committee

FROM: A. Lorris Betz, President 

SUBJECT: Regulations Library, Interim Rule R6-404A

Attached, please find Interim Rule R6-404A. I am requesting the IPC to put this Interim Rule into effect immediately pursuant to the authority of Policy 1-001(III)(4)(d). As described below, extraordinary circumstances require that this rule be implemented on an interim basis prior to presentation to the Executive Committee, and/or without prior approval by or consultation with the Senate.

Last year, the University of Utah received a discrimination complaint from the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (“OCR”) concerning a non-traditional student who was denied admission to the University of Utah. In April of 2011, the University resolved the complaint with OCR through a Resolution Agreement (“RA”). As part of the RA, the University agreed to revise its admissions policy for the admission of non-traditional students. The University has been working with OCR to agree upon language for the policy that is mutually acceptable. Interim Rule R6-404A contains the agreed upon language and was approved by OCR on December 11, 2011. OCR now requires the University to implement the agreed upon policy language. Therefore, I have implemented Rule R6-404A as an interim rule.

It is my understanding that Student Affairs is in the process of revising the University’s admissions policy, Policy 6-404. I have been told that Student Affairs plans to take a revised draft policy through the approval process this Spring 2012. Rather than implementing the attached Rule R6-404A as a permanent rule, it is my suggestion that the Senate maintain the interim status of the rule until it can be incorporated into the revised Policy 6-404.

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Attachment