Proposal Date: April 10, 2014

**Office of the Registrar**

**Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy**

**(Action Item)**

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Identification of proposed policy revision:

1. **Catalog statement of existing policy:**

**Attendance Policy**

Students who, without previous arrangement with the instructor or department, fail to attend the first two class meetings of a course meeting multiple times per week or the first meeting of a class that meets one time per week MAY be dropped from the course. Nonattendance for a web-based course shall be defined as failure to log onto Blackboard or other instructor-designed website within one week of the course start date without previous arrangements with the instructor or department.

**Grading and the Quality Point System**

FN – failure due to nonattendance (no semester hours earned and no quality points)

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**Grading and the Quality Point System**

FN – failure due to nonattendance, or ceasing to attend, up to and including the 60% point of a term, valued at no semester hours earned and no quality points. Nonattendance shall be defined as failure to perform meaningful academically-related activity including, but not limited to, the following: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, participating in an online discussion about academic matters.

1. **Rationale for proposed policy revision:**

For both the attendance policy and the FN grade policy, clarification of “nonattendance” is needed, particularly for web-based courses. This definition of nonattendance is consistent with the federal Title IV financial aid definition of “unofficial withdrawal.”

1. **Impact of proposed policy revision on existing academic or non-academic policies:** None
2. **Proposed term for implementation:** 2014 summer term
3. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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| Office of the Registrar |  April 10, 2014 |
| UCC Academic Policy Subcommittee  | April 14, 2014 |
| Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  |  |
| University Senate |  |