

## Correction to 10/16/19 Waitlist Discussion Item

Dear Senators,

During the waitlist discussion that occurred during the last senate meeting, I made a statement that I thought was accurate, but after further conversation and study, I realize now that I was mistaken and wish to correct the record.

Please note, I am not continuing the discussion of the issue, and it would be a violation of law for us to discuss or debate the issue on the agenda in an email exchange outside of a formal meeting. I am here just correcting false information.

My previous understanding was that our current policy required waitlists and that individual departments engaged in “direct dealing” with the Vice President of Academic Affairs to get an exception. I now understand that this is incorrect.

Board Policy 3.14.5 clearly says, “Departments, in consultation with the supervising administrator, will determine the appropriate size of their department wait lists and communicate that information to the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Scheduling Office.” I had a conversation with a Senator, who was department chair at the time the department established a zero wait list policy, who told me in detail the history of the case. He invoked the above Board Policy, which gives departments the right, in consultation with supervising administrators, which, in this case would be a cluster dean, to determine waitlists, whereupon the VPAA is simply *informed* of the department’s decision. At the time, the VPAA opposed the department’s decision, but the department prevailed because of the Board Policy. Clearly this was the opposite of “direct dealing.”

I apologize for my ignorant characterization on the Senate floor. Please correct his piece of information in your thinking about the issue.

Thanks,

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