The Academic Policy Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate adopt the following policy:

Drops after the 4th week of classes will be noted with an appropriate symbol on the student's transcript. Appeal for exemption from this rule will be directed to the appropriate dean.

Rationale:

1) The committee felt this is a good academic policy. At present students may be in effect retaking a course with no notation on their transcript. A student who completes a course the first time through may receive a lower grade than one who has been through most of the course and dropped late in the semester.

2) This policy should discourage abuse of the current drop policy. Students with a justifiable need can still drop with no notation on their record, however, if a student habitually drops courses to improve grades it will have a negative effect on their record.

3) Most other universities have a similar policy.

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