



Resolution 2022.9.5 – Auto Enrollment: Counselor Anthony Reuss (Updated October 11, 2022 @ 12:45PM.)

Move: Gurgagus

Second: Wait

Whereas Mesa College is “the leading college of excellence and equity” and

Whereas current practices for adding courses after the start of the semester are inequitable and create barriers to both access and enrollment.

Whereas the current system of emailing professors is antiquated and inefficient, and takes away from instruction during the first two weeks.

Whereas our colleges want and need enrollment.

Be it resolved, as early as spring 2023, during the first week of the semester for 16-week classes, we urge immediate implementation of an auto-enrollment (traditional add/drop) period on a first come, first served basis until the class is full without the need for instructor approval and during which permission numbers (add codes) will not be distributed

Examples for discussion:

Equity:

Students most able to obtain a permission number are continuing students, students who are attending or have graduated from a university, and those with other forms of privilege.

Students come to us from all walks of life and make the decision to attend college at different times Many students who are the first in their families to attend college do not know how to navigate this process.

The current process creates only one access point for registration after the start of a class and students need multiple access points in order to achieve equity.

Antiquated and Inefficient:

Email is not the dominant form of communication for students today.

Campus Solutions shows the classes are open and students are confused about the process for adding a course.

Students must make multiple contacts with both Students Services and Instruction in navigating this process; including wasting valuable time simply trying to find out how to contact the professor.

Professors are often inundated with requests even when their courses are full and often are unavailable (i.e. not on campus or in their offices during that time-period.

Professors may or may not read or reply to the students’ requests in a timely manner or due to the volume of emails, may respond to emails out of the order received.

Professors may or may not know how to issue or use permission numbers.

Enrollment:

Waitlists close at the start of the semester, but registration remains open.

Students must email professors in order to receive permission to add a course, but the contact information for professors is not readily available and students cannot access the Canvas shell until enrolled, putting them behind in their classes.

Students give up and decide not to take classes, when they could have been auto-enrolled.

Professors would still be able to direct students to their portal after the start of the class to initiate this process and/or provide permission numbers after the class is full.

Presented to the Academic Senate: September 26, 2022

Approved by the Academic Senate: October 10, 2022

The votes are delineated on the following page:

Members present for the September 26, 2022 Meeting and Thekima Mayasa (Proxy to Katungi).

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	ABSTAIN
Gina Abbiate	1		
Carlyne Allbee			1
Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra	1		
Janna Braun	1		
Henry Browne	1		
Laura Creswell	1		
Nellie Dougherty	1		
Ian Duckles	1		
Justin Estep	1		
Rob Fremland	1		
Helen Greenbergs		1	
Mary Gwin	1		
Alison Gurganus	1		
Andrew Hoffman		1	
Janue Johnson	1		
Inna Kanevsky			
Candace Katungi	1		
Jesse Keller	1		
Cesar López	1		
Natalie Mapes	1		
Thekima Mayasa	1	Proxy to Katugi	
Dina Miyoshi		1	
Jill Moreno Ikari	1		
Katherine Naimark			1
Alison Primoza			1
Anthony Reuss	1		
Robert Sanchez	1		
Jessica Sardo	1		
Kristian Secor	1		
Irena Stojimirovic	1		
Judy Sundayo	1		
George Svoboda	1		
Karen Wait		1	
Sandra Watts	Not made aware of eligibility to vote.		
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