

**Joint Report from the
Academic Freedom & Standards Committee
and the Student Affairs Committee
to the MS&T Faculty Senate
February 21, 2008**

At the February 21, 2008 Faculty Senate Meeting, the Student Affairs Committee joins with the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee, to recommend the Faculty Senate make the change listed below to section V.A of the MS&T Student Academic Regulations.

[The text in black font is identical to the existing regulations. ~~Red strike out font~~ indicates the text is to be removed]

V. Absences

A. Because the pedagogical design, intent, and progress of every course is the responsibility of the instructor, the administration of attendance policy lies with the individual instructor for each course. Students are expected to attend class sufficiently to conform to the instructor's intent as specified in the syllabus. As such, the individual instructor determines the number and nature of ~~unexcused~~ absences allowable in each course. Sanctions may be imposed for excessive absences up to and including dismissal from the course. If the instructor intends to attach a formal sanction (grade reduction or dismissal from the course) to inadequate attendance, he/she must include in the course syllabus the specific expectations and steps to be taken in such cases. Such steps will include an academic alert initiated in time to provide due warning before the absence which will give rise to the drop.