

August 23, 2011

Mr. Kenneth Swalagin
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
ASB III, Suite 110
Cook/Douglass Campus

Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I am writing in response to the Follow Up Report and Recommendations on Charge S-0807 on the Add/Drop Period, as adopted by the University Senate on March 25, 2011. I thank the members of the Academic Standards, Regulations and Admissions Committee for their continuing attention to this issue.

My administration accepts the Senate's recommendation to lengthen the add/drop period by one day to an eight-day drop period and a nine-day add period for the 2011-12 academic year, extending the trial period adopted last year. It is my understanding that the online Academic Calendar has been adjusted to reflect the extended period for the fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters. In accordance with the Senate's recommendation, I ask that the Academic Standards, Regulations and Admissions Committee complete their evaluation of the trial add/drop extension before the end of the fall 2011 semester, allowing sufficient time to implement any recommendations regarding permanent changes to the add/drop period for the fall 2012 semester and beyond.

I appreciate the Committee's need to extend their analysis of the effects of the lengthened add/drop period by an additional semester, and I look forward to their thorough evaluation and subsequent recommendations on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

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