Religious Absence Observances

North Carolina General Statute 116-11(3a) and UNC policy authorizes a minimum of two excused absences each academic year for religious observances required by the faith of a student. Students must submit a request for an excused absence, within SeaNet, seven days prior to the religious observance. The student shall be given the opportunity to make up any tests or other work missed due to an excused absence for a religious observance.

Please ensure the above statement appears in all course syllabi.

We have been made aware of instances where instructors require students to notify them at the beginning of the semester. That far in advance is considered a courtesy notification. Students still have until seven days prior to the requested date to submit a request and have it honored.

We also get questions from instructors asking to verify that the date selected is actually a holiday. We are not allowed to validate the date. The actual religious event may be on a different date, but the date selected is the date the student chooses to observe the religious event.

If the requested date, submitted seven days prior, affects an instructor’s course, an email notification will be sent to the instructor. Students are only allowed two in a given “academic year”. The request system will keep track of these across semesters and will not allow more than two.

Beyond the two requests, it becomes instructor discretion.

Graduation Reminders

The Fall 2015 graduation application deadline is October 16, 2015.

SEAHAWK SALUTE

Tuesday, October 20th—10am-6pm—Campus Bookstore

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In September, the Office of the Registrar sent 2,541 *Apply to Graduate* emails.