EPC proposes the following change to the Faculty Manual

Current language

iii. End of Semester

Except for final laboratory examinations (including language laboratories and kinesiology activity classes), no test or final examinations may be given during the last week of classes or during the period between the end of classes and the beginning of the examination period or during any reading period.

Proposed change

iii. End of Semester

Except for final laboratory examinations (including language laboratories and performance courses and kinesiology activity classes), senior thesis projects, oncampus COLL300 courses, independent study projects and one-credit courses, no test or final examinations may be given during the last week of classes or during the period between the end of classes and the beginning of the examination period or during any reading period. Other assignments, such as projects, short quizzes, homework and papers may be due during the last week of classes as long as they do not total more than 25% of the final grade. There is no restriction on material due during the regularly scheduled final exam period. In exceptional circumstances, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies may waive these requirements.

Rationale:

The language regarding what graded work can be assigned during the last week of classes was unclear and has led to many different interpretations by faculty and students. The proposed rewording strives to clarify the practices associated with this policy by explicitly expressing what can and cannot be asked of students during this period of the semester.