

Open Letter Regarding Extending Parietals

Dear Members of the Campus Life Council:

As the Student Union Senate Committee on Gender Issues, we have gathered input on a variety of issues this past year. Not surprisingly, one of the issues that students are most interested in is parietals. Time and time again people ask us as senators what we are going to do in order to follow up the proposal that was sent to the CLC last year to extend parietals by an hour on weekdays. The student body is still behind this proposal.

After talking with students, we have agreed that the best course of action is to ask you as a body what we need to do to show you that the students are behind this extension. Many of us attended the CLC meeting last year when the parietal issue was decided upon, and we know that the CLC was concerned about how an extension would affect athletes, ROTC students, and hall staffs. We thought that the best way to address these concerns would be to develop a comprehensive survey so that we can see what these students think. We have included our drafts of the surveys that we wish to use.

What we ask of you is to look over these surveys, see if they meet your standards, and help us work with you to discover the students' stance on this issue. We are willing to put the time in on this issue -- we just want to make sure that we are spending our time in the right way. As elected representatives of the student body, we have a responsibility to vocalize their concerns in the most effective way possible. Please help us fulfill this responsibility by telling us what concerns we need to address and with whom we need to talk to. Hopefully, this collaboration will result in a more informed view on the issue for both of us.

We thank you for your time and hope that you are willing to start a dialogue with us on this issue.

Sincerely,

Student Senate Committee on Gender Issues