

Timeline of events:

First week of class: I reviewed my syllabus on the first day of class, which includes my no make-up exam policy, provided here:

Missed exams cannot be “made up.” I will use your top five exam scores to compute your final grade; if you miss an in-class exam, for whatever reason, you must take the comprehensive final exam. The missed exam’s “0” will be the low score I drop, and I will use the score on the comprehensive final in its place.

The student in question had surgery scheduled on the day of the 1st course exam and met with me after class to discuss options. I restated the missed-exam policy and informed the student not to worry about the first exam, as the final exam would count as the 5th exam. The student felt a comprehensive final was punitive. I pointed out there were three options: drop my course and take Psy 201 in the Spring, drop my course and take Psy 201 online, or stay in my course and follow the course policy.

The student and mother met with SMT Division Chair Anna Cavinato, who stated a professor has the right to set policies in his/her course.

The student and mother met with CAS Dean Levine. Dean Levine spoke to me on the phone and stated the student had a disability and required accommodations. After a lengthy discussion, I agreed to allow the student to take either a modified exam 1 or the final exam during the final exam period, but not both exams. The Dean presented this accommodation to the student and the mother and they agreed with the accommodation. I was never provided documentation of a disability from Disability Services in regards to this student.

Finals Week: I brought an Exam 1 and the Final exam to the scheduled exam period and asked the student, “Which exam do you want to take?” The student said, “Both exams.” I said this was not our agreed accommodation. The student disagreed and stated the student was allowed to take both. I disagreed. The student chose to take the final exam, and then met with the CAS Dean. The Dean asked me to let the student take both exams, and I said I would not do so. The student contacted the Dean later that day to say that the student realized the grade would not change even if the first exam was completed.

Friday, Jan. 9th: Colleen Casio left a phone message that she needed to arrange a meeting with me, herself, and the Dean of Students, Camille Consolvo in regards to a medical withdrawal of the student from my Fall course.

Fri. Jan 16th: Charles Lyons and I met with Dean Consolvo and Colleen Casio, and we were informed the student had been withdrawn from my course in accordance with EOU’s medical withdrawal policy. After considerable research, I found that EOU does not actually have a medical withdrawal policy.