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Some of you are well aware of my feelings. This pushes things back, such that it will take 1 ½ years to get a new course into the inventory, not a year. For catalogue changes, even minor ones, which now can be sent to the UC by March 1 and be in the catalog by the very next Fall semester, now they can still be submitted in the spring of one year, but won't take effect until a full year after the following fall.

So, a department submits a change to a minor, adding a course to the list or something simple, any time in any given year, but it cannot be in effect until the year AFTER the next year, ie submit the memo January 2014, effective not Fall 2014, or Spring 2015, but Fall 2015.

This is not an improvement in my opinion. I understand that having changes in place can help students as they plan in the spring for the following Fall's courses, but I think we're putting the cart in front of the horse here and making departmental/program planning a process that will take WAY too much time and will frustrate faculty, chairs, directors, and , because I get the moaning and groaning, me.

I'm also less than thrilled to be even more brutally honest, that having shepherded the usual CLASS business of nearly 200 new courses and 10+ memos through to submission for this round, I'm now going to have to announce a new round for this spring and manage that, or else have to tell everyone that if they send things in next year, even by the first day of the semester, they'll have to wait not until Fall 2015 but Fall 2016.

I was clearly outnumbered and had no support from the members of the UC when the memo came up, so I dropped it and did not vote against it. But I still have strong reservations, and was just asked to share my comments, so here they are! Take them or leave them, no hard feelings, just crankiness, to which, at my age, I feel entitled!

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