

WISE Membership Upgrade Policy

IDENTIFIED NEED

The WISE Academic year runs from September through June, with four 5-week sessions of courses. A-session starts in September and is followed by B-session which completes in late November or early December. C-session starts in February and is followed by D-session which typically completes in May. Individuals may choose to be either full-year or half-year members. Half-year members may take courses in either A and B sessions with their WISE membership expiring on December 31st of that year, or C and D sessions (WISE membership from January 1st through June 30th) but not both. Full-year members may enroll in all four sessions, with membership privileges throughout the year.

The WISE Council votes on the membership dues each Spring for the following academic year. Individuals who chose to be half-year members typically pay over 50% of the dues paid by full-year members. To-date, there has not been a clear policy on how a half-year member can upgrade their membership to a full-year membership status. Adoption of this policy will establish clear guidelines.

POLICY

A WISE member, who is in good standing, and has paid the currently established dues for half-year membership, may, at any time during the current Academic Year, change their membership to full-year and receive all of the benefits of full-year membership by paying the difference between the current half-year and full-year dues.

Example: In the current 2016-2017 Academic Year, full-year dues are \$245; half-year dues are \$145. A fully-paid half-year member may convert their status to full year by paying \$100.

Revision –

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