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The policy is to take effect immediately; it will be reviewed after five years by the Senate Library Committee, with a report presented to Senate.

Approved by Senate, Mount Saint Vincent University, October 25, 2010