

COMMENTS FOR FACULTY SENATE

9-1-93

Please take a few minutes and review the committee's annual report.

Data from the last four years has been included for comparison.

highlights:

* Numbers from 92-93 appear to be in line with previous three years.

* Approval percentage is actually lower than previous three years.

Jeanna Luker in the Faculty Senate office was able to get information on number of grades assigned on the Columbia campus in the fall 92 and spring 93 semesters in order to get a feel for the percentage of grades that are changed as compared to total assigned:

Fall 1992 71,520 grades assigned in courses through 499
Spring 1993 65,897 grades assigned in courses through 499

Total of 137,417; grade change percentage is approximately one half of one percent.

This percentage is actually lower because:

* No 500 level courses were included because they were not sorted according to undergraduate and graduate level

* Many grade changes are requested for courses taken in summer school or previous years

FOR THIS MONTH'S REPORT, I hope you will notice a few changes:

* In response to F's being changed to I's, most of these occur as a result of an I being changed administratively to an F after one year. Under these circumstances, the I will be included in a parentheses to the left of the F to indicate the administrative assignment of the F from an I.

* In response to a suggestion by Prof. Underhill, the committee has developed a coding system which will hopefully help in two ways:

- assist senators in better understanding the nature of the proposed grade change requests
- allow us to gather data during the year so we can

analyze results and make any recommendations that might help reduce the number

* In the coming month, the committee will be sending all faculty a memo which will include a review of the procedures for requesting grade changes, as well as guidelines and strategies that might assist professors in reducing the number of changes they request.

The committee reviews each request that is submitted, and I review all of them again before each Senate meeting. Because of the numbers, however, I still cannot remember the details of every case. If you have questions, please feel free to call me or Jeanna Luker in the Senate office prior to our meeting and I will be glad to give you details of the individual situation.

The only cases in which I may be unable to do so are those that are requests for withdrawals due to extenuating circumstances. These cases often involve highly sensitive, personal information that we cannot share in detail. All of these cases, however, must first be approved by the professors and the college in which the student is enrolled.

THIS MONTH:

139 requests that the committee approved for your consideration:

62% Computation/Transcription Error
16% Medical with verification and approval of college
9% Miscellaneous Extenuating Circumstances with approval of college
8% Grade Review and Reconsideration
4% Registration/Withdrawal Error
Less than 1% Grade Roll Discrepancy

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