

REPORT OF  
SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS COMMITTEE

- I. The Committee recommends the following changes in academic regulations dealing with the grade of W.

Grade of W.

Current policy:

W is assigned for withdrawal from a course during the first six weeks of a semester (excluding the late registration period). In exceptional cases, the grade will be used after the first six weeks of a semester primarily in cases of withdrawal from the University or from a course for medical reasons. (See section on "Dropping a Course.") A grade of "W" will not enter into the evaluation of suspension conditions or in grade-point ratio computation.

Proposed Policy:

W is assigned for withdrawal from a course if a student withdraws from it fourteen (14) calendar days after, and including, the first official class day in a semester.<sup>1</sup> In exceptional cases, the grade will be used after the first six weeks of a semester primarily in cases of withdrawal from the University or from a course for medical reasons. (See section on "Dropping a Course.") A grade of "W" will not enter into the evaluation of suspension conditions or in grade-point ratio computation.

The grade of W is assigned during shortened semesters for a period equal to one-seventh (1/7) the number of class hours.

<sup>1</sup>Courses dropped during this period will not be recorded on a student's permanent record.

Grade of WF

Withdrawal from a course during the first six weeks of a semester (excluding this period) will be recorded on a student's permanent record, but will not enter into computation of hours attempted, grade-point ratio, or any other totals. In summer sessions and other shortened semesters, this period will be one-seventh the total number of class days instead of six weeks. (See section on "Withdrawals.")

For the Senate's information the policy on the grade of WF is as follows:

WF is assigned for withdrawal from a course after the first six weeks of a semester (the deadline prescribed in the University's academic calendar for withdrawal without penalty), and is treated as an "F" in the evaluation of suspension conditions and grade-point ratio computation.

Pass Fail Grading

Current Policy:

The Pass-Fail program is designed to encourage students to investigate fields outside of their major curriculum in which they have a specific personal interest without affecting their grade point ratio. The only grades assigned on courses taken under the Pass-Fail option are S and U; a grade of S indicates satisfactory performance. A student will be given credit for courses in which the grade of S is earned, but these courses will not affect the computation of GPR.

Specific provisions of the Pass-Fail program are as follows:

1. The Pass-Fail grading system is in effect for an indefinite period of time, subject to periodic review.
2. The Pass-Fail option is available to all undergraduate students except those whose semester or cumulative GPR is less than 2.00.
3. Students are permitted to exercise the Pass-Fail option only on free elective courses.
4. Students are permitted to take no more than eight courses on a Pass-Fail basis during their undergraduate career.

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5. The option is offered on all courses at the undergraduate level.
6. A student wishing to exercise the option must have the permission of the dean of his college and his academic adviser.
7. The option may be elected or revoked by the student no later than the last date for withdrawing from the course without a penalty.
8. Normal prerequisites may be waived for students taking a course on a Pass-Fail basis.
9. Courses taken under this option will be excluded from the calculation of the GPR.
10. A grade of S will be entered by the Office of the Registrar from a regularly assigned passing grade; a failing grade will be registered as U.

Proposed Policy:

The current policy remains the same except for #7.

7. The option may be elected or revoked by a student no later than the fourteenth day after, and including, the first official class day in a semester.

- II. CLASS ATTENDANCE: The Committee recommends that the University should have -- for accreditation, and educational purposes -- an attendance policy which is clear to students and teachers alike but which allows colleges to vary the regulations when special educational objectives recommend a greater amount of required attendance than the proposed University policy provides for.

The Committee proposes to simplify the policy printed in the Bulletin by the following two motions. The first motion incorporates two paragraphs of the existing policy. An omission from the second paragraph is intended to make attendance regulations uniform through all levels of classes and consistent with the policy of the Graduate School (see Bulletin, G24). The second motion proposes to allow colleges that consider the University policy too lenient to vary the University policy.

- (i) That the following paragraphs be substituted for "Class Attendance" on pp. U16-17 of the Bulletin:

CLASS ATTENDANCE

When a student enrolls in a particular course, he obligates himself for all the work which may be assigned. Punctual and regular attendance is vital to the discharge of this obligation. The student is responsible for all assigned work in a course, and absences, excused or not, do not absolve him of this responsibility.

An instructor may impose a penalty for absences in excess of 25 percent of regularly scheduled class meetings by assigning the grade of F.

- (ii) That the following paragraph be added:

Colleges of the University may make more restrictive attendance requirements but a faculty member may not vary the University or College regulations. In the absence of specific College regulations, the University requirements apply. A teacher will notify classes if the College attendance policy differs from the University policy.

Motion to  
Commit this  
to committee  
was approved.

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