

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

Addition to Policy 48-40 Deferred Grades

(Legislative)

Implementation: Upon Approval by the Senate

Rationale

After consultation with the Registrar's Office, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education recommends that the Deferred Grades Policy 48-40 include a final statement so that it aligns with the final statement of Policy 48-50 No Grade. Currently, the No Grade policy indicates that record of no grade on students' transcripts would prevent them from graduation. Similarly, Deferred Grades reflect that coursework is not complete, and as such, it is not appropriate to confer a degree when the coursework is unfinished.

Proposed Policy 48-40 Deferred Grades

If, for reasons beyond the student's control, a student is prevented from completing a course within the prescribed time, the grade in that course may be deferred with the concurrence of the instructor. Under emergency conditions during which the instructor is unavailable, authorization is required from one of the following: the dean of the college in which the candidate is enrolled; the executive director of the Division of Undergraduate Studies if the student is enrolled in that division or is a provisional student; the executive officer of a commonwealth campus. Permission for filing a deferred grade should be requested by the student before the beginning of the final examination period.

In certain courses where normal work of the course extends beyond the scheduled period, deferment may be granted routinely for all students in the course if prior approval of the Senate Committee on Curricular Affairs has been obtained.

The period during which a grade may be deferred shall not extend, without further approval of the dean of the college, the executive director of the Division of Undergraduate Studies, or the executive officer of the commonwealth campus concerned, beyond the end of the sixth week of the next semester in which the University is in session. A deferred grade that is not changed to a passing grade by the instructor before the end of this period automatically becomes an F. If the next semester is a summer session, this rule shall not apply unless the student is enrolled for that session. If the student is not enrolled for that summer session, the period during which the grade may be deferred shall not extend, without further approval of the dean of the college or of the executive director of the Division of Undergraduate Studies or of the executive officer of a commonwealth campus, beyond the end of the sixth week of the succeeding fall semester.

Students with DF on their transcripts will not be allowed to graduate.

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