



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Draft Proposal to Amend DDR A540 NG Grading

February 5, 2015

The Committee on Elections Rules and Jurisdiction would appreciate feedback on a draft proposal to amend DDR A540. The amendment is needed to reflect the current process employed by the Registrar's Office to manage NG grading.

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (AGRICULTURE)

February 4, 2015 11:13 AM

The CAES FEC has no objections.

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES)

January 2, 2015 11:26 AM

We support this change.

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (ENGINEERING)

January 14, 2015 5:03 PM

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Wednesday, January 14, 2015

To: Andre Knoesen, Chair
Davis Division of the Academic Senate

From: Niels Grønbech-Jensen, Chair
College of Engineering Faculty Executive Committee

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISION OF DAVIS DIVISION REGULATION A540 Grading

The Executive Committee endorses the proposal.

College of Engineering Faculty Executive Committee

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (LS: MATH/PHY SCI)

January 12, 2015 3:16 PM

The L&S Executive Committee has no objections.

Grade Changes

December 12, 2014 2:44 PM

The Committee on Grade Changes would like to express its support for this change, although the Committee would like to suggest three revisions to the proposed language:

1. The amended language states, “The Registrar shall change the NG notation to an F grade...” The Committee would suggest changing this to “The Registrar shall change the NG notation to an F grade, or equivalent,...” This would explicitly acknowledge that not all failing grades are F’s (e.g. NP and U grades). This is a small but important distinction.
2. The amended language states, “during end-of-term processing in the immediate term following the assignment of the NG grade...” The Committee would suggest changing this to read, “during end-of-term processing in the immediate *regular* term following the assignment of the NG *notation*...” This way, the Office of the University Registrar will not be required to roll NG notations in summer terms. Also, the NG notation is not a grade, it is a notation, and should not be called a grade in Senate language – doing so could create a lot of problems with grading policy.
3. The amended language states, “the Registrar shall notify all affected students each term, after the end-of-term processing has identified them.” It is the Committee’s view that this gets too specific about the process. The Committee suggests ending the sentence at the comma so it reads, “the Registrar shall notify all affected students each term.”

Thus, the Committee’s suggested language for A540(G) would look like this (changes in *bold italics*):

The Registrar shall change the NG notation to an F grade, *or equivalent, during the end-of-term processing in the immediate regular term following the assignment of the NG notation*, if the NG has not been removed under the provisions of (1) or (2), ~~unless the instructor in charge indicates otherwise to the Registrar.~~ To ensure that the student is aware that an NG must be removed, the Registrar **shall notify all affected students each term.** ~~provide the following written notification to all affected students: "NG must be removed within one term or the NG will be changed to a grade of F. If this course appeared on your midterm course check-list, see your instructor immediately; if it did not appear, see the Registrar."~~

Graduate Council

February 2, 2015 9:32 AM

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January 30, 2015

RFC: Draft Proposal to Amend DDR A540 NG Grading

The Graduate Council, based on a memo from its APD Committee, forwards their recommendations for the aforementioned RFC.

The Academic Planning and Development (APD) Committee met on January 30, 2015, and considered CERJ's Draft Proposal to Amend DDR A540 NG Grading.

The APD Committee concurred with CERJ's concern that the policy should state clearly that conversion of an NG to an F should only occur after student enrollment in a term following the assignment of the NG. However, the apparent proposed wording changes that APD examined did not seem to clarify this issue; APD suggests rewording to align with CERJ's concerns. One example would be:

"The Registrar shall change the NG notation to an F grade, during the end-of-term processing in the most proximate term following assignment of the NG in which the student is enrolled, if the NG has not been removed under the provisions of (1) or (2), unless the instructor in charge indicates otherwise to the Registrar. To ensure that the student is aware that an NG must be removed, the Registrar shall notify all affected students each term, after the end-of-term processing has identified them."

Sincerely,



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Graduate Council

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C: Gina Anderson, Academic Senate Executive Director

Undergraduate Council

January 7, 2015 4:17 PM

The UGC supports this proposal.