Termination of Academic Senate Policy #S83-109

Use of 'U' Grade

At its meeting of December 5, 1995, the Academic Senate approved the termination of the following policy on the 'U' Grade:

Resolution on Use of 'U' Grade -- Academic Senate Policy #S83-109

Whereas The Academic Senate recognizes that there is confusion about the use and effect of the 'U' grade, and

Whereas It is not universally understood that a 'U' grade counts as an 'F' in computing grade points, and

Whereas Alternatives to the 'U' grade are not fully utilized, therefore be it

Resolved That the following information be distributed periodically to the faculty:

Use of 'U' Grade Symbol

1. Instructors should use two opportunities to drop students who are not in class:

   a. A student may be “bubbled out” on the first-day enrollment list.

   b. A student may be underlined on the 4th Week Verified Class List. (Such an administrative W requires dean or chair concurrence.)

A 'U' grade is an Unauthorized Incomplete: it should be used for the student who comes to class and then disappears. In contrast, an 'F' indicates unsatisfactory course work.

2. The 'U' grade is equivalent to an 'F' in computing grade point average.

3. An 'I' (Incomplete) may be initiated by instructor or student. It should be given for students who have done a substantial portion of the course work. Instructor and students agree on conditions for removal of the Incomplete. 'I' becomes an 'F' if not completed within one calendar year.

4. "APPROVED BY PRESIDENT CORRIGAN ON FEBRUARY 15, 1996"