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TO: Members University Senate
FROM: University Senate Council
RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, March 10, 1997.
3:00 PM New Rules for the S (Satisfactory) and U (Unsatisfactory) grades
in the graduate school.

Proposal:

S (Satisfactory)/U (Unsatisfactory) Grades

A grade of "S" (Satisfactory work in progress) or "U" (Unsatisfactory work in progress) may be recorded for students making satisfactory or unsatisfactory progress in graduate seminars, independent work courses, research courses which extend beyond the normal limits of a semester or summer term, and in residence credit courses for the master's or doctorate. Grades of "S" and "U" must be removed and a letter grade (A, B, C, or E) awarded before a candidate is permitted to sit for the Final Examination. Grades of "S" and "U" do not have to be removed in thesis or dissertation courses for residence credit (748, 749, 768, and 769) or in courses which carry no credit.

If a student accumulates 3 or more grades of "U", indicating unsatisfactory progress toward a degree, a graduate program may recommend to the Dean of the Graduate School that the student's enrollment be terminated in a particular program.

Background and Rationale:

At present there is no grade which can be recorded to indicate unsatisfactory progress in a seminar, independent course, or research endeavor which extends beyond the semester or summer term in which it was begun. The "U" grade addresses that deficiency, permitting the instructor or research supervisor to provide formal notification to the student of his or her failure to meet expectations.

Implementation Date: Fall, 1997

Note: If approved the proposal will be forwarded to the Rules Committee for codification.

US Agenda: S (Satisfactory)/U(Unsatisfactory) 3.10.97