General Legislative Action

At its meeting on February 28, 2019, the Faculty Senate approved Class B Legislation to amend Student Governance and Policies, Chapter 110 (Grades, Honors, and Scholarship). President Ana Mari Cauce has also approved the proposed legislation. This legislation sets a university-wide standard grade cutoff for the Credit / No Credit designation that is in line with the University’s numerically-graded courses (0.7 or greater). The faculty was given the opportunity to submit written objections to its substantive nature, under the Faculty Code, Chapter 22, Section 22-74 Senate Procedure: Class B Actions. There were seven objections to this legislation.

Class B Legislation
Student Governance and Policies
Scholastic Regulations
Chapter 110; Section 1 (The Grading System), A (System of Grades), 7 (Credit / No Credit)

Background and Rationale

The Faculty Council on Academic Standards recommends to amend Scholastic Regulations Chapter 110 (The Grading System) based on the following findings:

- There are current inconsistencies in University of Washington grading practices, with no university-wide standard grade cutoff for the Credit / No Credit designation.
- An emendation to Scholastic Regulations will put this grading designation in line with the University’s numerically-graded courses.

7) Credit / No Credit

a) With appropriate departmental review and approval, faculty may offer a course or courses on a CR/NC basis. The standard for granting credit in CR/NC courses shall be the demonstration of competence in the material of the course to the instructor’s satisfaction. Grading should be consistent with the university’s policy for numerically graded courses, in which students receive credit for grades of 0.7 or greater. Students demonstrating such competence shall have CR entered on the transcript; those who do not shall have NC entered on the transcript.

Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
February 25, 2019

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Faculty Senate
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