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ACADEMIC STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION POLICIES COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held March 20, 2018 from 3-4 p.m. in Champ Hall

Members

- Scott Bates, Chair, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services
- Mykel Beorchia, Advising
- Dan Coster, College of Science
- Allie Haas, USUSA
- Christa Haring, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services
- Fran Hopkins, Registrar's Office
- Kacy Lundstrom, University Libraries
- Cathy Bullock, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Ed Reeve, EPC Chair (ex officio; not a voting member)
- Barbara Williams, subcommittee secretary (ex officio; not a voting member)

AGENDA

New business

- Temporary grade (Adam Gleed; document attached)

Old Business

- none

Other Business

- none

Proposal:

Create a new grade type, T grade, to be used when a class needs a temporary place holder at the end of the semester because work is still in progress.

Background:

Although students are required to complete all courses for which they are registered by the end of the semester, there are a few appropriate exceptions. In some cases, a student may be unable to complete the coursework because of extenuating circumstances. In these cases, an incomplete (I) grade is appropriate.

Other examples are thesis, dissertation, literature review, or study abroad courses that have work remaining before a grade can be assessed. The practice has been to issue an incomplete grade for these courses. While this scenario isn't addressed within the parameters of the incomplete, it has been allowed because there isn't a better option.

A common practice in higher education is to issue a temporary grade when the course is designed to continue in a subsequent semester.

Proposed Language:**Temporary grade:**

Courses that are being continued in a subsequent semester to that one in which the course begins will be given a temporary status as indicated by a "T" grade. Temporary grades differ from incomplete (I) grades that indicate the student was unable to complete the course because of an extenuating circumstance after having completed the majority of the coursework at a passing level.

All such courses must have the approval of the department offering the courses and the Curriculum Committee. A letter grade must be given by the instructor at the time the required work is to be completed. All temporary (T) grades must be completed prior to graduation.