

**Committee Report
Academic Standards & Policies
Faculty Senate
2 December 2007**

The Committee received information from the Registrar to the effect there would be a change in the Undergraduate Catalog concerning issuance of pass/fail grades due to implementation of PeopleSoft. The new software is unable to automatically convert letter grades to pass/fail grades, so faculty will have to do this when submitting final grades. Faculty will continue to be unaware a student is taking a course pass/fail until receipt of final grade sheets at end of semester.

Members of the Committee were polled via email to determine whether a meeting was necessary to consider this change, but because there appears to be nothing Faculty Senate can do about it, the Committee decided not to meet but to forward the proposed change in catalog language to Faculty Senate with a recommendation for no action. The Committee requests this report be posted on the Faculty Senate home page and brought to the attention of Faculty Senate.

The catalog language will be changed by replacing the Pass-Fail Option paragraph on page 33 of the 2007-2008 catalog with the following paragraph:

Amended version:

The purpose of the pass-fail grade option is to encourage a student to broaden his or her educational experience with a reduced risk of lowering the overall grade point average. **The instructor will assign pass grades of H (honors performance) or P (pass) when a letter grade of C- or better would have been assigned, a grade of LP (low pass) when the letter grade would have been D+, D, or D-.** Note that F and L grades will be included in the grade point average calculation.

Old version:

The purpose of the pass-fail grade option is to encourage a student to broaden his or her educational experience with a reduced risk of lowering the overall grade point average. ~~The student's choice is kept confidential and the instructor grades the student in the same manner as the rest of the class. The Registrar will retain the instructor's submitted grade on file. Grades of C- or higher will be converted to a P; grades of D-, D, and D+ will be converted to a LP; and any other grade will be handled as described in the Grading System of this catalog. Please note that F and L grades will be included in the grade point average calculation.~~

Bold font is new language; ~~strikeout~~ is omitted language above.

--Submitted by Michael S. Hamilton, Committee Chair