Resolution # 7 1993-94

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering
FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on December 6, 1993

RE: I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJECT: Proposed Policy on an "In Progress" Grade

Signed

Date Sent December 13, 1993

TO: The Faculty Senate
FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering
RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
   a. Accepted. Effective Date
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II. III.
   a. Received and acknowledged
   b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION: See List

Distribution Date 12/13/93 Signed: [President of the College]
PROPOSED POLICY on an "IN PROGRESS" GRADE

Introduction

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The PR designation would be used only for courses for which the department has received prior approval for use of this designation. An Incomplete grade, on the other hand, would continue to be used at the discretion of the instructor to represent the progress of the student while registered for the course.

Legally, no liability problem would exist since the PR designation indicates that the course is continuing. No additional college resources should be required beyond those implicit in the nature of the course that made the PR designation appropriate in the first place.

Proposed Policy Statement

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2. The PR designation is for use only in those courses where the nature of the course prevents the student from completing the course requirements during the term in which the student is registered. The PR designation will be removed when a grade is submitted.

3. The PR designation will remain on the transcript for a maximum of two semesters after it is recorded unless the instructor designates a shorter time period. At the end of the second semester or at the instructor-designated deadline, the Registrar will automatically change the PR to an "I".

4. The student has the responsibility to initiate discussion with the instructor during the semester in which the "I" appears on the transcript to determine what is needed to complete the course.

5. One semester after the "I" grade is posted to the transcript, the Registrar will automatically record an "F" unless the instructor submits an extension or another grade.

6. A PR must be cleared from the transcript before the student can graduate.

7. A student shall not register for a second time for a course for which a PR designation is currently on record.

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