THE FACULTY SENATE
May 24, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Ray M. Bowen

SUBJECT: Approval of Revisions to 1999-2000 Student Rules, Student Registration Section and Grading Section

At its regular meeting on May 10, 1999, the Faculty Senate approved the attached revisions to the 1999-2000 Student Rules, page 3 of 12, Student Registration (Page 4-5, Section 1), and page 4 of 12, Grading (Page 8-11, Section 10), as amended by the Faculty Senate as noted below.

Section 1.18 to read as follows:

1.8 A full-time graduate student is defined as one who is registered for nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term and six hours in a 10-week summer semester. In addition, if a student is registered for at least one hour for the 10-week session and a total of six hours in any combination of 5-week sessions and the 10-week session, the student is considered full-time for the 10-week session. A Q grade before the 12th class day does not count toward the certification of enrollment status.

Section 10.3, line before S and U definitions, to read as follows:

Grades assigned if student is taking an undergraduate course S/U:

Thank you for your consideration of this item. I would appreciate your informing me of your action on this recommendation.

THOMAS E. WEHRFY
Speaker, 1999-2000

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Ronald G. Douglas, Executive Vice President & Provost
Ms. Linda F. Lacey, Director of Academic Support Services
Dr. Brent Paterson, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

Approved:

RAY M. BOWEN, President

Date 8/2/99
Student Registration
Page 4-5, Section 1

1.7 A full-time undergraduate student is defined as one who is registered for 12 semester
hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term and
eight hours in a 10-week summer semester. A Q grade or NG (no grade) W grade
does not count toward the certification of enrollment status.

(Faculty Senate changes in 1.8 are noted by double strikethroughs, small caps, and bold italics)

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1.18 A student who drops a course after the Q-drop period has elapsed will receive a
grade of F unless unusual circumstances exist as determined by the student’s dean.
The term “no grade” A grade of W may be recorded by the dean of the student’s
college if it is determined such circumstances do exist.

Attendance
Page 6-7, Section 7

7.8 If the student is absent for excused reasons for an unreasonable amount of time during
the semester, the academic dean of the student’s college may consider giving the
student a No Grade (NG) grade of W during the semester enrolled or a NG (no grade)
following posting of final grades.

Examinations
Page 7-8, Section 8

8.7.6 A student may not have credit posted for credit by examination for courses in which
he or she is currently registered or has acquired a grade other than Q, or W or NG.

Grading
Page 8-11, Section 10
10.3 There are twelve grades: The five passing grades at the undergraduate level are, A, B, C, D and S, representing varying degrees of achievement; these letters carry grade points and significance as follows:

Assigned by the instructor:

A: Excellent, 4 grade points per semester hour
B: Good, 3 grade points per semester hour

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C: Satisfactory, 2 grade points per semester hour
D: Passing, 1 grade point per semester hour
F: Failing, no grade points, hours included in GPR
I: Incomplete, no grade points (hours not included in GPR)

Assigned by the registrar if the student withdraws from all courses during the period beginning the first day of classes extending through the Q-drop deadline:

W: Withdrawn, hours not included in GPR

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Automatically Grades assigned if student is taking AN UNDERGRADUATE course S/U:

S: Satisfactory (C or above), hours not included in GPR
U: Unsatisfactory (D or F), no grade points, hours included in GPR

Other:

X: No grade submitted, see 10.6
Q: Dropped course with no penalty, requires dean's permission, see 1.16
W: Dropped course(s) with no penalty during the semester enrolled, requires dean's permission, see 1.18, and 17
NG: No grade. Dropped course with no penalty, requires dean's permission, see 1.18, hours not included in GPR

Administrative removal of posted grades, requires dean's permission with extensive documentation

10.4.3 The GPR for a graduate student is computed by using all graded graduate and advanced undergraduate (300 and 400 level) course work completed at Texas A&M University and eligible to be applied toward a graduate degree. Those involving grades of Withdraw W-drop (W), Satisfactory (S), Unsatisfactory (U) and Q-drop (Q) shall be excluded.

10.10 An undergraduate student's cumulative grade point ratio for any period shall be computed by dividing the total number of semester hours for which he or she received
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