Policy Proposal: R/U/I Grades

Synopsis: Allow Registered (R) grade option courses to have Unsatisfactory (U) and Incomplete (I) grade options.

Need: Graduate students registered for Graduate Research & Thesis (GR&T) receive an R grade at the end of the semester.

R indicates registered for GR&T but has not met the total requirements of the course.

R conveys no information on research effort, implies satisfactory progress towards a thesis or dissertation.

Current system rewards zero effort with an R.

Unearned R can put a financial burden on grant or RIT budget.

Intent not to penalize students whose science or project is not working, but to send a message to students who are not putting in effort.
Proposal: Give research advisers the option to issue \( U \) and \( I \) grades in GR&T courses currently receiving only \( R \) grades.

\( U \) implies unsatisfactory progress on GR&T credits attempted that semester and credits must be repeated.

\( I \) implies student did not completed requirements needed to receive \( R \) due to conditions beyond student’s control.

\( I \) grade in GR&T course will change to a \( U \) if the conditions placed on receipt of the \( I \) have not been met in the period specified by the adviser, or two semesters have passed.

\( R \) grade carries no quality points.

\( U \) grade in GR&T will not influence a student’s GPA.

Vote: GC Approved 10/25/13 (In Favor: 14, Opposed: 1, Abstain: 0)
Policy Proposal: S/U/I Grades

Synopsis: Allow the Satisfactory (S) grade option at the graduate level in graduate seminar courses.

Need: A/B/C/D grades inappropriate for some grad seminar courses.

Proposal: Establish S grade at the graduate level for use in certain courses such as graduate seminar.

S grade carries no quality points.

Student failing to satisfy requirements for an S graded course may receive U or I grades.

U grade carries no credit and course must be repeated.

I grade in S/U/I course changes to a U if not removed.

Vote: GC Approved 10/25/13 (In Favor: 15, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0)
Proposed Policy (D05.0 II B) [added wording is underlined and in blue]

Registered - a permanent grade used in graduate coursework indicating that a student has registered for a given course but has yet to meet the total requirements for the course or has continuing requirements to be met. The grade is given in graduate thesis work. Completion of this work will be noted by having the approved/accepted thesis or dissertation title, as received by the registrar from the department, added to the student's permanent record. Full tuition is charged for these courses. "R" graded courses are allowed in the calculation of the residency requirement for graduate programs; however, they do not affect GPA calculations. A student may receive a grade of "U" or "I" in a given term of an R graded course. A “U” grade in this case carries no credit and the course must be repeated.
Incomplete - When an instructor observes conditions beyond the control of a student such that the student is unable to complete course requirements in the given term or session, the instructor may assign an Incomplete notation ("I") to a student. The instructor determines and advises the student of the due date, not to exceed two terms including summer session but excluding intersession, by which the student must complete course requirements. If the registrar has not received a "Change of Grade" form from the professor after two terms including summer session but excluding intersession, then the Incomplete becomes an "F" grade, or a “U” grade if the “I” was associated with an “R” or “S” graded graduate course. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the instructor. Credit hours are not earned and the GPA is not affected until a permanent grade is assigned.

If there are extenuating circumstances which render an instructor unable to assign a grade or evaluate a student's work and assign a grade to replace an "Incomplete" notation, the head of the academic unit in which the course was taught will select an instructor to act in the place of the original instructor. After appropriate evaluation of the student's work, that instructor will assign a grade in place of the "Incomplete" notation.
Satisfactory (undergraduate)- A satisfactory grade may only apply to acceptable completion of cooperative work experience, internships, courses bearing course numbers of 099 or below, and study abroad courses offered by affiliated programs. With the exception of study abroad, such courses do not count toward residency requirements, earn credit hours or affect grade point average calculations. In the case of study abroad courses, credits covered by the "S" grade will count toward residency requirements and will earn credit hours. The "S" grade will not affect grade point average.

Satisfactory (graduate)- A satisfactory grade at the graduate level may only apply to seminar courses where programs have determined that a traditional “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” letter grade is inappropriate. An “S” grade at the graduate level carries no quality points and therefore does not enter into a GPA calculation. A student may receive a grade of “U” or “I” in an S graded course. In this case, a “U” grade carries no credit and the course must be repeated. No more than 10% of a program’s degree credits may be “S” graded courses. The College’s Curriculum Committee must approve the use of an “S” grade in a course.
**Unsatisfactory (graduate)**- a permanent grade used in certain graduate course work indicating that a student made unsatisfactory progress towards completing the course requirements. No credit hours are earned for a “U” grade and the “U” grade does not affect the calculation of quality points or GPA. A “U” grade in an “R” or “S” graded course carries no credit and the course must be repeated.