Policy Proposal: Comprehensive Graduate Exam Outcome Reporting

Synopsis: To allow the reporting of the outcome of comprehensive graduate examination (CGE) on a transcript.

Need: NYS lists three possible capstone experiences for graduate degrees: thesis/dissertation, project, and CGE.

A CGE is a summative exam administered at the end of a graduate student’s studies and determines if the student receives a degree.

Only SCB and CAST have MS programs which use CGE.

There is a need to report the pass, fail, or attempted outcome of a CGE on a student’s transcripts.
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Proposal: Allow the reporting of the outcome of a CGE on a student transcript.

CGEs carry no credit so the inclusion on a transcript is for information purposes.

The reported outcome of the examination is either pass (P), fail (F), or attempted (T).

The pass outcome means the student has met the capstone experience, degree requirement.

Policies on retaking a CGE are the prerogative of the specific graduate program.

Vote: GC Approved 2/12/14 (In Favor: 10, Opposed: 1, Abstain: 0)
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Proposed Policy (D05.0 II C)

Comprehensive Graduate Examination Grades. A comprehensive graduate examination is a required, zero-credit, capstone experience in some graduate programs. The examination is administered outside of a specific course but within a graduate degree program. The outcome of the examination is reported on a student’s transcript for informational purposes only. Policies on retaking the exam are the prerogative of the specific graduate program. If a program allows a student to retake an exam, grades for all attempts are reported on transcripts. Comprehensive graduate examination outcomes do not affect the calculation of a GPA.

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