

MEMORANDUM TO: The Faculty of Arts and Science
FROM: Educational Policy Committee
SUBJECT: Agenda for November Faculty Meeting
DATE: October 20, 1987

The Educational Policy Committee has passed the following proposals, with the request that they be put on the agenda for the November meeting. The Deans list and the drop/add proposals are carryovers from last year when they were ruled out of order at the May, 1987 meeting, on technical grounds. The final exam proposal is a revised version of the proposal presented at the May, 1987 meeting.

1. The Educational Policy Committee recommends replacement of the existing wording on course withdrawals in the College Catalog (p. 53).

"After the adjustment period, a student may only withdraw from a course prior to the 10th week of classes. A grade of "W" will be assigned for such a withdrawal; no other withdrawals are permitted. However, a student may withdraw from a course only if his/her academic load does not fall below 12 academic hours and the student follows appropriate procedures established by the Office of the Registrar."

Present wording:

A student may withdraw from a course after the adjustment period and receive a "W" if (a) his withdrawal from the course, regardless of his academic standing in that course, occurred during the 2 weeks following the add/drop period, or (b) his withdrawal from a course occurred at any time through the last day of classes, granted that the instructor reports that the student is passing the course at the time of withdrawal. As long as graded material, including class participation, has not fallen due, the student will be considered passing. However, in either case the grade of "W" will be awarded only if the student remains registered for at least 12 academic credits after the course withdrawal and upon official notification to the Office of the Registrar.

2. The EPC recommends adoption of the following policy concerning consecutive examination.

"No changes in the examination schedule will be permitted individual students, except where conflicts occur, or where a student has three scheduled examinations in three consecutive examination periods on consecutive days. The Dean of the Faculty will designate a date and time for the resolution of examination conflicts."

3. The Educational Policy Committee recommends reinstatement of the Dean's List and adoption of the following policy:

"Eligibility is limited to full-time degree-seeking students completing a minimum of 12 hours, with grades of A, B, C, D, and F. The students selected for the Dean's List will comprise the top 15 percent of those eligible, as determined by GPA. Upon resolution of I's and G's students who then meet the established GPA for the relevant semester will be added to the Dean's List."

The Educational Policy Committee found the Task Force proposal too cumbersome and also too restrictive, particularly in eliminating students who have G's and I's. Grades of P are not counted in establishing GPA and will not count toward eligibility.