

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

Academic Standards and Events Committee
Tuesday - January 16, 1990 - 3:00 P.M.

Members Present: Aboul-Ela, Burden, Edwards, Owens,
Pusch, Reid, Richley

Members Absent: Byo, Conroy, Driscoll, Stephens, Welsh

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by the chairperson.
2. Mr. William Countryman, Associate Registrar, was a guest at the meeting. Mr. Countryman called attention to a current problem with the Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grading policy. Approximately 15-20 students each quarter appeal to the registrar that they did not understand this grading policy and wish to have their grade basis changed. Since students must initial their schedule acknowledging the election of the CR/NC basis, the appeals are routinely disallowed. However, if a student selects a course on the CR/NC basis, this course cannot subsequently be applied to a major or a minor. Mr. Countryman asked that the committee consider ways of helping with this problem.
3. The committee discussed the problem with the general consensus that the problem lies with the communication of the policy to the students and not with the policy itself. The committee approved the following motion:

The Records Office is asked by the Academic Standards and Events Committee to investigate the possibility of augmenting the student registration form to call attention to courses in which the student is registering on the CR/NC basis and to communicate an answer to the committee.
4. The secretary reported that there was no business carried over from last year.
5. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 1990, at 4 PM in Dean Richley's conference room.
6. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM.

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December 15, 1989

TO: Dr. Jean Aboul-Ela, Chair, Academic Standards & Events
FROM: Dr. Mary J. Beaubien, Chair, Academic Senate
SUBJECT: Credit/No credit grade option

This grade option is described on page 51 of the 1989-90 Undergraduate Bulletin, but students do not read all the stipulations when they register for courses under that option. Consequently, many are later dissatisfied with the decision and regret not having received a grade and try to get a change--most of the time that is impossible.

Will you please have your committee examine this policy and perhaps make a recommendation to the Senate. Bill Countryman or someone else from Registrar's office could outline some of the problems which have arisen because of this grading option.

Thank you.

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