

Academic Affairs
Minutes
November 14, 1972

Members Present: Dobbert, Foley, Roderick, Siman, Paphean, Scrivan

There were enough members present to have a quorum. Since Dr. Rand's proposal for a change in the grading system at the 500 level in the Chemistry Department was amended by a suggestion by Dean Scrivan, the discussion was centered on the length of time a student would have to audit a class. Dean Scrivan, at this time, also submitted that the length of the audit be definitely set at the eighth week. After brief discussion, it was found that this should be set as the latest possible date in order to consider the duties of the other offices involved with the audit. The motion was made by Dr. Dobbert to send the amended proposal to the Senate for consideration. It was seconded by student member, Ken Paphean. After a vote by members, the motion carried.

It was also suggested that Dr. Eminhizer resubmit the October 18 proposal of the value of the committee to the Senate, seeing as how there has been no reply as yet.

New business for the next meeting will consist of a proposal to adopt two new degrees.

Ed. J. Eminhizer

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO University Senate

DATE 29 November, 1972

FROM Dr. Earl E. Eminhizer, Chairman
Academic Affairs Committee

SUBJECT A Proposed Recommendation on Audit

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends to the University Senate that the last day for a student to change from credit to audit in a course be moved to the end of the eighth week.

Reasons: (1) Such a change will resolve the problem of credit, no-credit or pass-fail proposals and others which would change drastically the present grading system and methods of keeping records.

(2) It will, within the present system, allow students to elect no-credit in courses where failure seems likely. Also, a student could, by use of this option, avoid being given other grades he may not want on his record.

(3) It retains on the student's record the fact that he did take the course, which the no-entry does not do. There are objections to not showing the complete record on the transcript.

(4) It will allow a student to elect to take courses which he may have some question about his ability to pass, without endangering his record.

(5) It will allow ^{new} students new to college to be able to make adjustments without adverse effects on his record.

(6) It will help cut down on drop-out due to academic failure.

(7) It will require the student to assume responsibility for his own decisions.

(8) It allows retention of present academic standards and should encourage strengthening them since students will not be academically threatened by higher standards.

¹Depending on how late the records office can make these changes in the quarter.

Earl Eugene Eminhizer

October 18, 1972

TO: MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

FROM: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The following is the report of the activities of the Academic Affairs Committee as of 17 October, 1972:

- (1) The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Senate accept the following revision suggested by the Academic Deans Council at its 9 August, 1972 meeting concerning conference courses on page 48 of the 1972-1973 catalog. The Academic Deans wish to delete the following:

"any exception must be approved by the Academic Affairs Committee"

and insert in its place:

"any exception must be approved by the Dean of the school in which the student is enrolled."

- (2) The following motion was passed by the committee, which seeks direction from the Senate:
 - a) Will Senate agree to the principle of granting a retro-active degree for students in professional school who do not complete the full four years, but who do complete a specified amount of work at YSU (ex.: medical students)?
 - b) If it agrees to this, is it willing to extend the principle in the future to other professional school programs as they develop?
 - c) If (a) is agreed to, will it authorize the Academic Affairs Committee to write a statement for the catalog covering this?
- (3) The Academic Affairs Committee passed the following resolution at its 13 October meeting:

(In reference to the pass/fail in education) The Academic Affairs Committee wishes to raise the question of the value of this committee. The committee spends many hours in preparing material and in view of Senate changes the committee feels its work was completely negated by the Senate action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl E. Eminhizer, Th.D.
CHAIRMAN

REPORT TO SENATE
BY
THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
PROPOSED CHANGE CONCERNING
REPEATED COURSE GRADE and CALCULATION OF Q.P.A.

Current University policy regarding repeated courses and calculation of the Q.P.A. is:

"If a course is repeated, the repetition is treated merely as another course, along with the first, in calculating the point index."

Upon review of this policy the Academic Deans Council requested the Academic Affairs Committee to consider revising the policy so that only the last grade earned in a repeated course would be counted in the calculation of the Q.P.A.

The Academic Affairs Committee agrees with and supports the recommended revision since it deletes a system under which a student who repeats and passes a course is penalized by his poor initial performance in the course. The revised policy would provide a more liberal system of grading in keeping with recent trends and in agreement with the policies of several of our state assisted Universities.

CALCULATION OF QPA WITH REPEATED COURSES

LAST GRADE COUNTED

Ohio University
University of Toledo
University of Akron
Bowling Green State University
Wright State University

BOTH GRADES COUNTED

Cleveland State University
University of Cincinnati
Central State University
Ohio State University
Kent State University
Miami University

In formulating a revised policy statement for Senate consideration, the Academic Affairs Committee sought to establish that:

- 1) The transcript continue to show the students' total

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performance recording all grades earned in all courses, repeated or not.

- 2) Only the last grade in a repeated course be counted in computing the Q.P.A.
- 3) The new policy be established for Fall Quarter 1972 and that it be made retroactive for current students regarding past repeated courses.
- 4) A simple automatic method be established for implementing the new policy in the future.

A study of the current registration process shows that the only practical means by which the new policy can be implemented requires that the student "trigger" a corrective mechanism by filing a petition. The committee has been assured that the petition is not one which requests permission to have the new policy implemented, but instead, simply "triggers" the mechanism by which the new policy is applied. It is necessary that the student petition since he is the only person who knows that the course he has just completed is the repeat of a previously completed course.

Mr. President, on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee I move Senate approval of the following motion:

MOTION

Effective Fall Quarter, 1972, that when a course taken for undergraduate credit is repeated, only the last grade recorded be counted in calculation of the Q.P.A. Current students must petition for the Q.P.A. recalculation of previous as well as present coursework repeated at Youngstown State University.

Respectfully submitted

Victor A. Richley, Chairman

October 6, 1972