Academic Governing Council
Decision Form

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue.
This form is sent to the Provost.

Decision:

The AGC voted to approve the revision of Grading Policy 7.10.

Rationale:

The need and use of the WP, WF, and NS as grades or designations has changed over the years and requires updating. Past practice of the policy has shown that changes need to be made in the Grade Grievance Process portion of the policy and that a more detailed outline of the Grievance Process Chair’s term of service and responsibilities be established. With the removal of the WP and WF, the qualifications for the use of the I grade were modified.

Supporting Data:

As a result of changes in Financial Aid practices, the designation of NS is no longer needed. It has been replaced by a new Participation Verification process. Evidence of grading practice indicated that the WP and WF were used infrequently and cause confusion as to when they should be used and how they transfer to other institutions.

Implications for Action:

The removal of the NS is now consistent with Financial Aid practices. The removal of the WP and WF make GRCC more consistent with other institutions and removes the confusion of when to assign each grade. The change with the I grade results in its use being more at the discretion of the faculty member.

Evaluation Plan:

This academic policy should be reviewed again in Fall 2013.

Date of Decision by AGC:

February 12, 2013

Response from Provost:

The Provost endorses Grading Policy 7.10 revisions as approved by the AGC effective Fall 2013. During Fall 2013 semester, a team appointed by AGC Exec should work to further clarify two points of this policy: “I” and 70% limit for students to drop.