F10-3, Policy Recommendation, Grading Symbol for Drops and Withdraws

Legislative History: Amends S09-7

At its meeting of November 15, 2010, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Gleixner for the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

Action by University President: Approved by President Don Kassing

Date: 11-30-10

POLICY RECOMMENDATION
Grading Symbol for Drops and Withdraws

Whereas University Policy S09-7 designates new grading symbols WA and WB to be used on the unofficial transcript to allow tracking of WA drops and withdraws; and

Whereas Both WA and WB grades revert to W grades on the official transcript; and

Whereas The CSU administrative system is incapable of counting WA grading symbols and is capable of counting/tracking drops and withdrawals only if a W grading symbol is used; and

Whereas Section VII.B of S09-7 specifies that “The CSU may eventually define new grading symbols for the two types of “W” grades described above. The grading symbols WA and WB used in this policy are intended for use at SJSU, but also serve as placeholders and shall be replaced by the appropriate CSU grading symbols if/when such new grading symbols are specified;” therefore, be it
Resolved That the grading symbol WA in University Policy S09-7 be changed and the symbol be replaced with the symbol W; and that the WB symbol in University Policy S09-7 retain its purpose and meaning without change.

Approved: October 25, 2010
Present: Eric Armendariz, Stephen Branz (non-voting), Bill Campsey, Victor Culatta, Caroline Fee, Stacy Gleixner (chair), Rich Kelley, Tomasz Kolodziejak, Elizabeth McGee, Deanna Peck, Arlando Smith, Marian Sofish, Christina Solorzano, Kevin Starks, Sheryl Walters
Absent: Stefan Frazier, Mo Han, Terri Thames
Vote: 14-0-0
Financial Impact: No significant impact is anticipated
Workload Impact: No significant impact is anticipated