Amendment A to University Policy F18-5, University Grading System Policy

Amends: University Policy F18-5

Rescinds: University Policy S73-23

Legislative History:

At its meeting of November 18, 2019, the Academic Senate approved the following policy amendment presented by Senator White for the Curriculum and Research Committee. Amendment A to University Policy F18-5 rescinds University Policy S73-23, and addresses the percentage of credits that can be credit/no credit for graduate students in University Policy F18-5.

Approved and signed by
President Mary A. Papazian on

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Whereas: A discrepancy exists between S73-23 and F18-5 with respect to the number of Credit/No Credit units that a student may apply toward a graduate degree; therefore, be it

Resolved: That S73-23 be rescinded effectively immediately; and be it further
Resolved: F18-5 Section 4 be changed to read as follows:

“4. A graduate student may accumulate a maximum of 30% 40% of the total units required to graduate as Credit/No Credit grades toward the master’s or doctoral degree. A graduate student may petition for a maximum above 40% to the College of Graduate Studies. That petition must be approved by their Department Chair and/or Department Graduate Coordinator.”
Rationale: Title 5 does not stipulate the number of units in a graduate degree that can be Credit/No Credit, allowing each campus to determine what is appropriate for the respective campus. S73-23 was overlooked in C&R’s review of policies relevant to the University Grading Policy System. Amending F18-5 and rescinding S73-23 will solve the discrepancy that existed between these policies. In discussions, C&R decided to maintain the original 40% because there was no justification for reducing it to 30%.

Approved: 10/21/2019
Vote: 10-0-0
Present: Thalia Anagnos, Raquel Coelho, Marc d’Alarcao, Tabitha Hart, Cara Maffini, Kelly Masegian, Anand Ramasubramanian, Pam Stacks, Winifred Schultz-Krohn, and Brandon White
Absent: Anoop Kaur, Susana Khavul
Workload Impact: None anticipated
Financial Impact: None anticipated