

Resolution SS1213-23**May 2, 2012**

DEPARTMENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
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**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMMENDMENT TO THE UNDERGRADUATE
ACADEMIC CODE CONCERNING THE PASS/FAIL OPTION**

Whereas, The undergraduate student body wishes to expand the opportunities that allow students to explore their intellectual curiosities;

Whereas, There are students who are deterred from taking certain courses and enrolling in minors due to the academic culture of perfection and great emphasis placed on high levels of overall performance in the classroom;

Whereas, The current section of the Undergraduate Academic Code 3.3.11 lacks clarity in deliberation and administration of policy; and

Whereas, Amendments made to the Undergraduate Academic Code aim to alleviate confusion for administrators and students; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Undergraduate Academic Code be amended so as to promote exploration of students' intellectual curiosity without cost to their overall academic record; and

Resolved, That Section 3.3.11 of the Undergraduate Academic Code be amended from the old language:

3.3.11 Pass/Fail Option: Junior or senior undergraduates may file with their academic dean (or the dean's designee), during the first six class days of the semester, the decision to take one elective course per semester, not to exceed four credit hours, outside the student's major department and not required by the student's program, on a pass/fail basis. Faculty, departments, and colleges may elect to refuse pass/fail requests for selected courses. If approved, the filing is irrevocable and will result in conversion by the University Registrar of the instructor's final grade report into an entry of "P" (pass) or "F" (fail) on the student's record. The instructor will not be informed that the student has elected the pass/fail grading option. The University Registrar will interpret the final letter grades of "A" through "D" as pass. These grades will not be computed into the student's grade-point average. If a final grade of "F" is issued, it will be computed into the student's grade-point average.

To the following:

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Registrar as a “Standard Grade Only” course on a pass/fail basis. The course cannot exceed four credit hours, **must be outside of the student’s major department, and cannot be required by the student’s program. Up to two courses may be taken on a pass/fail basis in a student’s minor track.** Faculty, departments, and colleges may elect to refuse pass/fail requests for selected courses. If approved, the filing is irrevocable and will result in conversion by the University Registrar of the instructor’s final grade report into an entry of “P” (pass) or “F” (fail) on the student’s record. The instructor will not be informed that the student has elected the pass/fail grading option. The University Registrar will interpret the final letter grades of “A” through “D” as pass. These grades will not be computed into the student’s grade-point average. If a final grade of “F” is issued, it will be computed into the student’s grade-point average.