

## Electronic Meeting of the Academic Affairs Council November 9, 2022

On Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 9:58 AM Provost <[provost@selu.edu](mailto:provost@selu.edu)> wrote:

Good morning to the Academic Affairs Council.

As a reminder for those who may be new to the Council,

The primary function of the Academic Affairs Council is to address policy development pertaining to curricula and degree requirements, as well as the total instructional program of the University. As an advisory council to the Provost and a forum for communication, the Council recommends standards, policies, and procedures for student admission, retention, and graduation, and for faculty recruitment, evaluation, promotion, tenure, and termination.

There are two items for which I'm requesting electronic review and vote by the Academic Affairs Council.

1. Removal of the "Pass-Fail Option" for graduate students. See recommendation from Dr. Boulahanis and Graduate Council below and attached. Note: the item is on p. 357 of the 2022-2023 catalogue.

Greetings!

The Graduate Council has voted to recommend the deletion of the "Pass-Fail Option" policy for All Courses. The policy (p. 351, 2021-2022 General Catalogue) reads as follows:

#### *All Courses*

*Graduate students have the option of registering for graduate courses with a P (Pass) - F (Fail) option. Except for thesis courses and certain internships, Pass grades may not be counted toward a graduate degree. Graduate students may change from regular letter grading to Pass - Fail, or vice versa, up to the last day for adding courses. Students must notify the instructor in writing of this decision. For graduate credit courses, only "C" quality or better work will earn the grade of "P."*

As this policy reads, students are able to register for any graduate class with a pass-fail option up to the last day for adding courses. Furthermore, the, "P" grades are NOT counted toward their degree. Moreover, according to the policy, "C" or better work counts for a "P" grade. The Graduate Council unanimously agree that this is an outdated policy that has not been used in many years (other than the semester of the pandemic when "P" grades were "B" or better and counted toward the degree). The "Pass-Fail Option" for thesis courses (the paragraph following the above policy on p.351) is appropriate and should remain in place under the "Pass-Fail Option."

If you have any questions or need any additional information from my end, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

2. Removal of the highlighted sentence below that refers to compensation for the Ombudsperson in the Procedures for Resolving Faculty Complaints. Compensation will still be provided in the form of Period Activity Pay and will be communicated when the appointment is made. In the past, reassign time has put an added burden on the department and created overload situations – which could negatively impact accreditation.

Excerpt from Procedures for Resolving Faculty

Complaints [http://www.southeastern.edu/resources/policies/assets/procedure\\_resolving\\_facpl\\_compl.pdf](http://www.southeastern.edu/resources/policies/assets/procedure_resolving_facpl_compl.pdf)

Because the role of Ombudsperson is important to both the faculty and the university administration, both should be involved in the process of selecting him/her. The individual must be a tenured faculty member with the rank of Professor and at least ten years of service on the Southeastern faculty. By May 1, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate shall prepare a list of at least three candidates who are both qualified and willing to serve and shall submit this list to the Provost. By September 1, the Provost will appoint the Ombudsperson from among the candidates on the list or may request expansion of the list if none of the original candidates is deemed acceptable. Appointment to this position will be for a term of three years, and an individual may be reappointed to successive terms, provided the procedure described above is followed. In recognition of the importance of the role, the duties of the position, and the commitment of time, the Ombudsperson shall receive reassigned time from teaching.

Please “reply to all” when you submit your vote – either Yes or No -- and address each item. Votes should be submitted by 5:00 pm on November 17.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Thanks so much,  
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Unanimous approval of both items.

Many thanks,  
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Jeff,

As per item #2, please remove the following sentence from the Procedures for Resolving Faculty Complaints and show a Revision date of Fall 2022.

In recognition of the importance of the role, the duties of the position, and the commitment of time, the Ombudsperson shall receive reassigned time from teaching.

Thanks,  
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