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- **Variance to Senate Regulations requested by the Davis Division**

The Davis Division has approved a modification to its Regulation 70(B) that would affect grading procedures in the UCD School of Medicine. Any divisional change to grading procedures constitutes a Variance to statewide Senate Regulations. In this instance, Davis is requesting a Variance to Senate Regulation 778. Senate Bylaw 125.B.5 states that:

If a proposed Divisional Regulation, which has been submitted to the Assembly of the Academic Senate for approval, is at variance with Universitywide Regulations and cannot be included in the agenda of a regular Assembly meeting to be held within sixty calendar days after Divisional action, the Academic Council, with the advice of the appropriate University Senate committees, is authorized to approve provisionally such proposed Regulations. Such approval is effective until the end of the next following term in which a regular Assembly meeting is held. Such approval must be reported to the Assembly.

The Davis Representative Assembly approved the modification of its Regulation 70(B) at its meeting of June 5, 2001. Because there was no Assembly meeting scheduled within 60 days of this action, the Academic Council, at its meeting of July 11, gave provisional approval to the Davis request for a Variance. That approval is now being reported to the Assembly. The University Committee on Educational Policy approved the request from UCD for a change to its grading policy, and University Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction has ruled that the modified grading system is consonant with the Code of the Academic Senate.

In a May 19, 2001 letter to 2000-2001 Academic Council Chair Cowan, Davis Chair Gibeling set forth the rationale for the grading change:

The Faculty of the School of Medicine (SOM) on the Davis campus have proposed to modify their grading procedures from a letter grade based system to an honors/pass/fail system. This amendment to the regulations has been approved by the faculty of the School. The primary

motivation for the proposed change is to bring the Davis SOM into conformity with the other medical schools in the system. Our survey of the UC medical schools shows that at present, Los Angeles uses a pass/fail system for all 4 class years, Irvine has an honors/pass/fail system for all 4 years, San Diego employs a pass/fail system for required courses and satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading in other courses and San Francisco has a pass/fail system with honors possible in third and fourth year courses. Only Davis retains a letter grade policy at this time.

The revisions to Davis Regulation 70(B) approved by the Davis Representative Assembly are as follows:

Changes to the Bylaws and Regulations of the School of Medicine to Modify the Grading System

70. Grades and Grading.

(B) The work of all students in first and second year preclinical for required courses of the curriculum for the M.D. degree or courses taken to meet requirements for fourth year selectives, shall be reported only in terms of five grades in any of the required courses: P (Pass), F (Failure), I (incomplete but work of passing quality), Y (provisional, work of non-passing quality, and IP (in progress). For the clinical years work shall be reported in six grades: H (Honors), P, F, I, Y, and IP. ~~eight grades: A (excellent), B (good), C (fair), D (marginal pass), F (failure), I (incomplete but work of passing quality), Y (provisional, work of marginal or non-passing quality) and IP (in progress), with the exceptions of MDS 440; "Responsibilities of Medical Practice" and PSY 402: "Human Sexuality" which shall be graded S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).~~ (Am. 12/2/88; 1/7/92; 12/31/94; 6/14/99)

~~(C) For each elective course, the Instructor of Record may offer the course, or a student may upon approval of the Instructor of Record elect to take the course, on the basis of Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) grading, where the grade of S shall be awarded only for work that otherwise would receive a grade of C or better. Units thus earned shall be counted in satisfaction of degree requirements. (Am. 8/22/80; 12/31/94)~~

(C D) The grade of Incomplete (I) shall be assigned only when the student's work is of passing quality, but is incomplete for good cause, as determined by the Instructor of Record. The student is entitled to replace the I grade by a passing grade and to receive unit credit provided he/she satisfactorily completes the work of the course in a way specified by the Instructor of Record. If course requirements have not been completed within three quarters or within the time limit specified by the Committee on Student

Progress, the I grade will be converted to an F grade. (Am. 7/1/83; 12/31/94)

(D) (D) The numerical scores for courses in years one and two, which use quantitative measures of performance, will be retained by the Office of Medical Education for as long as a student remains in medical school. This information is for advising purposes and will *not* be recorded in official transcripts.

(E) The grade Y is a provisional grade that will be assigned to allow a student the opportunity to remediate a deficiency and improve a ~~marginal or non-passing~~ grade. ~~No grade higher than C can~~ A P grade will be awarded in remediation of the Y grade. Failure to remediate the Y grade will result in ~~the original grade~~ an F. (Am. 7/1/83; 12/31/94; 3/20/98; 6/14/99)

Each student during the course of their School of Medicine training may be assigned the Y grade and given the opportunity to remediate this grade for a maximum total of four preclinical and clinical courses. After four Ys are accumulated, further ~~marginal or non-passing~~ performance according to course criteria must be assigned the ~~D or~~ F grade ~~respectively~~.

For courses in the preclinical curriculum, until the maximum number of four Y grades allowed per student has been reached, a student will be assigned a Y grade if they otherwise would have received a ~~D or~~ an F following the completion of all required examinations. This student is to be given the opportunity for reexamination within one week after grades are available to the student, and whenever possible the reexamination will be given no later than the fifth day of the next quarter. The grade assigned following completion of the reexamination is to be based either solely on the results of the reexamination or on some aggregate of all examinations as specified by the Instructor of Record at the beginning of the course.

For required clinical clerkships, until the maximum number of four Y grades allowed per student has been reached, the student is to be assigned the Y grade, if they otherwise would have received a ~~D or~~ an F grade *and* if the Instructor of Record believes that the student might be able to meet satisfactorily the requirements of the clerkship by repeating part but not all of the clerkship. For required clerkships, each student assigned the Y grade must complete the clerkship requirements as specified by the Committee on Student Progress in response to the recommendations of the Instructor of Record of the clerkship. An F grade is to be assigned directly by the

Instructor of Record if the student is to be required to repeat the clerkship in its entirety. (Am. 12/31/94; 3/20/98; 6/14/99)

(F) (No change)

~~(G) Each special study or directed group study course (i.e., 498, 499) shall be graded as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U).~~

(G H) Repetition of courses is subject to the following conditions:

(1) A student may repeat only those courses in which he/she received a grade of ~~D, F, or U~~. (Am. 12/31/94; 3/20/98)

(H I) (No change)

(I J) Credit by Examination is available to students registered in the School of Medicine under the following rules:

(4) Credit by examination for a course previously taken in which a student received a ~~D or F~~ as the final grade (recorded in the transcript) requires approval of the Instructor of Record and, for students on probation, approval of the Committee on Student Progress. For such students, Credit by Examination is a repetition of the course, for which degree credit will be given only once, but the grade assigned at each enrollment shall be entered into the permanent record. (Am. 12/31/94)

80. Remediation, Probation, Dismissal and Appeal.

(A) Remediation

(1) Remediation of a ~~D or~~ an F grade requires that the course be retaken either at the next time offered in the regular schedule or by means of Credit by Examination or at a time in accord with other recommendations by the Committee on Student Progress. If a student fails United States Medical Licensing Examination Step I, he or she must retake it before the end of the following quarter, or at another time as specified by the Committee on Student Progress. (Am. 6/14/99)

(2) The term “remediation” shall be taken to mean converting a Y grade as specified, or retaking and passing a course for which an F ~~or D~~ grade has been received, correcting other deficiencies as

specified by the Committee on Student Progress, or passing previously failed USMLE I.

(5) No student who has an unremediated ~~D~~, F, or Y grade in a required third or fourth year course, or is on probation as described below, may take required clerkships or selectives in another institution without approval of the Committee on Student Progress. (Am. 12/31/94; 3/20/98; 6/14/99)

(B) Academic Probation:

(1) A candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine must be placed on academic probation by the Committee on Student Progress for the following causes:

(a) A student receives an F grade, ~~or receives two or more D grades~~, or, in a third or fourth year clerkship or selective, a Y grade; (Am. 12/31/94; 3/20/98)

(4) Removal of Academic Probation (Am. 6/14/99)

(a) Any student who has received a single F grade, or a Y grade on a clinical clerkship, ~~or two unremediated D grades~~ will be placed on probation at the time of receipt of the deficiency and be removed from probation when that deficiency is remediated. (En. 3/20/98)

(C) Academic Dismissal:

Dismissal of a student from the School of Medicine may be recommended to the Dean by the Committee on Student Progress for one or more of the following reasons:

(3) A student receiving a total of three F's, ~~or two F's and two D's~~, may be subject to dismissal whether or not he/she is on probation at the time ~~either of these~~ this criterion ~~criteria are~~ is met. (En. 3/20/98; Am. 6/14/99)