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Posting Students’ Course Grades on WINGS

Submitted by Clara Krug

6/5/2006

Motion:

That the Faculty Senate request that the Office of the Registrar post students' course grades on Wings the evening of the day after commencement exercises, rather than the evening of the day of commencement exercises.

Rationale:

Currently, the unspoken assumption is that faculty in all units will have submitted their grades for all courses by 6 p.m. on the day of commencement exercises.

Senate Response:

Clara Krug submitted a request resulting from student inquiries about when their grades were to be posted at the end of the semester in May. For everyone’s information, students can currently view their grades on WINGS 24 hours after the last final. If you remember, originally grades were visible to students on WINGS as soon as the professor submitted them. A couple of years ago, the Academic Standards Committee voted to change this to 24 hours after the last exams so faculty who had complained to the Registrar’s office and other places would have a chance to finish all grades and be gone for the semester before students accosted them in their offices. Clara’s original motion was phrased to release the grades 24 hours after graduation, but after consultation with Clara, that motion has been amended to state that student course grades will be available on WINGS 48 hours after the last final exam is scheduled to be completed.
Minutes: 2/9/2004 Mary Hazeldine (COBA) raised a faculty member's request to have the Faculty Senate readdress the timing of the release of student grades on WINGS, so that if there is a legitimate error in a student's grade the faculty member can catch it and correct it without having to go through a formal grade change procedure. Cyr (CLASS) referred this to the Academic Standards Committee.

President’s Response:

From Dr. Grube 8-16-2006:
The following motion was submitted by Senator Clara Krug and passed by the Faculty Senate at its June 21, 2006, meeting.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate request that the Office of the Registrar post student's course grades on WINGS 48 hours after the last final exam is scheduled to be completed. The change makes timing coincide with when grades are due from the professor.

Current practice provides for posting of final grades on WINGS no earlier than 24 hours following the final examination period. The rationale expressed for the motion stated above was that the appearance of students' final grades on WINGS sometimes resulted in inquiries from students during the time professors were attempting to complete the process of grading examinations. Such inquiries were reportedly disruptive to professors who were attempting to finalize grading of other examinations. Enacting the practice stated in the proposed motion appears to conflict with the following sections of the Faculty Handbook 2006-2007 (page 27):

203.01.5 Faculty should place high priority in allotting time to students.

203.01.6 They have a duty to provide promptly such evaluation of the work of each student as required by relevant faculty policies.

The recommendation is not approved.