Non-Consent Agenda Item:
Approval to replace the Alternative Grade System of S/P/C/D/E with the S/P/F System

Effective Term:
Priority Registration for Spring 2018 for all course types listed below.

Proposal (see Alternative Grading Systems and University-wide House-numbered Courses):

1. Replace the Alternative Grade System of S/P/C/D/E with the S/P/F Grade System for the following undergraduate and graduate Senior-level Research/Project Courses and Small Group Courses, while retaining the option of regular grades, A/B/C/D/E:
   - Senior Capstone: 498
   - First-Year Colloquium: 195
   - Colloquium: 295, 395, 495, 595, 695, 795
   - Proseminar and Seminar: 196, 296, 396, 496, 596, 696, 796

2. Replace the Alternative Grade System of S/P/C/D/E with the S/P/F Grade System for the College of Pharmacy’s 800-level courses.

Rationale for the Change:

- The Alternative Grade System of S/P/C/D/E was replaced with the S/P/F Grade System for all Individual Studies Courses in Spring 2008, and approved for 900-level Individual Research Courses by the Faculty Senate on 3/6/17. However, three kinds of courses still use the S/P/C/D/E System: House-numbered Senior-level Research/Project Courses, House-numbered Small Group Courses, and 800-level Pharmacy courses.
- The combination of special grades (S/P) and regular grades (C/D/E) is confusing to students and faculty, since the grade of P—"passing"—overlaps the grades of C and D.
- The S/P/C/D/E grade system is unfair to students because the high grade of S—"superior"—does not count in the GPA but the lower grades do count.
- The S/P/F Grade System is a fairer system because none of these grades factors into the GPA. For instructors who believe that regular grades are more appropriate, the option of regular grades (A/B/C/D/E) will be available for Senior-level Research/Project Courses and Small Group Courses.

Approvals:

   Undergraduate Council: 3/7/17
   Graduate Council: 3/24/17
   Academic Deans: 3/28/17
   Administrative Review: 4/3/17
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