

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Sheila Converse, Executive Secretary  
Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

**FOR:** Academic Affairs Committee

**DATE:** 2 March 2016

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Revise Rule 90

At its meeting on March 1, 2016, AAC reviewed a proposal to revise portions of Rule 90 (f, j, and k), to insert the new graduate course, course number 701, Master's Independent Capstone Project and/or Examination, into the rule. The request comes from the Graduate School and will allow 701 to be governed by the standards set for other similar courses.

AAC also revised 90j, to insert a provision to allow for X grades to be given due to pending administrative action outside an instructor's control. An example of such an administrative action would be when an X grade is given to prevent a student from withdrawing from a course when there is a case under review by the Office of Student Conduct.

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90f. **S.** (Satisfactory.) Grade given upon satisfactory completion of courses numbered 499, 600, 700, 701, 702, 800, special examinations (Rule 15) and other courses duly authorized for S, F grading by the Faculty Senate. (Courses approved for S, F grading are footnoted in the Schedules of Classes.) Courses approved for S, F grading may also be graded S at midsemester indicating satisfactory progress.

A, S, or F grades only are used to report physical education activity grades.

S, M (marginally satisfactory), or F grades only are used to report grades for designated courses within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

H (honors), S, or F grades only are used to report grades for designated courses within the College of Pharmacy.

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90j. **X.** Denotes continuing progress toward completion of special problems, research, thesis, doctoral dissertation (i.e., 499, 600, 700, 701, 702, 800), or flexible enrollment courses; X grades are converted to S or to a letter grade upon satisfactory completion. ~~All outstanding incomplete work (including grades of I, X, and blank/no grade) must be completed and posted to the official transcript prior to the conferral of the degree.~~ An X grade may also be used when no final grade is ~~reported~~ available due to instructor's illness or absence, or due to a pending administrative action outside of the instructor's control. All outstanding incomplete work (including grades of I, X, and blank/no grade) must be completed and posted to the official transcript prior to the conferral of the degree.

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90k. **U.** (Unsatisfactory.) Student work demonstrates unsatisfactory performance, failed examination, or unfulfilled requirements in courses numbered 700, 701, 702, and 800.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2016.