

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #218 on November 7, 2016:

MOTION:

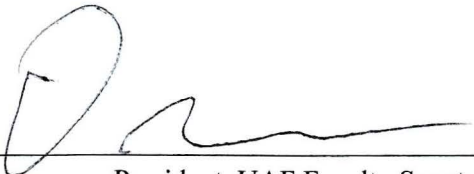
The UAF Faculty Senate moves to authorize the Office of the Registrar to automatically change all pass/fail project credits (F698) on a student’s record that are graded “DF” (Deferred) to the grade of “P” (Pass) once the project has been fully approved and accepted by the Graduate School. The responsibility for changing the “DF” grade for **letter-graded F698** project credits will continue to be the responsibility of the instructor of record.

Effective: Fall 2017


Rationale:

The DF (Deferred) grade indicates that the course requirements may extend beyond the end of one semester; e.g., thesis, project, research courses, internships, etc. A final grade and credit will be withheld without penalty until the course requirements are met within an approved time. Currently, the Registrar’s Office changes all F699 (thesis) DF grades to “P” (Pass) after the thesis has been fully approved and accepted by the Graduate School. However, project credits (F698) must be changed from DF to P by a “Change of Grade” form signed by the instructor. It is often difficult to get the instructor to submit a Change of Grade form in a timely manner, and this potentially can hold up a student receiving their diploma. It would be more efficient if the Registrar’s Office could change F698 project credits that are graded DF to P once the project has been fully approved and accepted by the Graduate School.

Twenty-six departments were contacted regarding their input on changing the requirement from having an instructor change the DF grade to P to having the Office of the Registrar make the change after receiving confirmation from the Graduate School that the project has been approved and accepted. Of the 18 departments that responded to the survey, only one department (the Art Department) would like to continue offering letter grades every semester for their project students. Departments that offer letter grades for F698 are not included in this motion and their instructors will continue to be responsible for submitting grades every semester. The Office of the Registrar would prefer that all F698 credits be offered by P/F. If departments want to offer a project option with a letter grade they could offer this as a separate course with a different number (i.e., Computer Science uses CS 690 and CS 691 as Seminar/Project credits.)



President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL: 

Chancellor's Office

DATE: 11/9/2016

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