**GFC Agenda**

October 17, 2022

3:00- 4:30 p.m. ET

<https://iu.zoom.us/s/84587146833?pwd=VEVHblFDcmJzQ3JCRWdzdEw2bWdlUT09>

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from GFC meeting on September 19 2022 ([Link to minutes](https://iu.instructure.com/files/146264302/download?download_frd=1))
3. Changes in University Graduate School Structure update (DD, JB, SS-G) *(Initials indicate presenters / discussion facilitators)*.
4. Campus/Regional-specific Updates from the Deans / VP ((DD, JB, SS-G)
5. Committee Updates
	1. APC
		1. W grade (RF; see Appendix 1, below)
	2. Awards
		1. Update (SK)
	3. November: DEI, GIC, Online Collaborative Programs Task Force
6. Strategic Planning
* IUB (DD)
* IUPUI (JB)
	+ Purdue Example (JB)
* Regionals (SS-G)
* Request for members re: feedback from units on Strategic Planning progress (JB)
1. Proposed Topic: Supporting and Funding Graduate Students (DH, AE, LM)
* VPR changed policies, which are not clear, and we are concerned about implications for future graduate student support
	+ Grad Grant Center as one support program
	+ Changes in availability of student support funding
	+ IU UG Research Conference (recruitment strategy)
* Possible committee assignment: GIC – Graduate Student Support and Funding
* How do we better encourage grants to attract and support graduate students
* what are the new policies w grants
* How are faculty engaged in helping direct or providing input into these policies
1. GFC Future – First open discussion (SH)
* Role of GFC for each GS
1. New business – Open call
2. Adjournment

Next meeting November 28th, 2022 (Note – 4th Monday)

Appendix 1: Proposal to the GFC from the Academic Policy Committee (RF)

*W grade*

***A proposal to the GFC from the GFC-APC to recommend amending ACA-66 C7 policy on the W grade.***

***If passed by the GFC, the GFC will forward this recommendation to the UFC for final approval and adoption.***

History

The 2021-2022 APC discussed the withdrawal policies used across the campuses and raised concerns about whether any graduate programs that are linked to professional certification would prohibit a withdrawal policy.

* 1. To assess whether any programs did not allow withdrawals from graduate programs, potentially due to accreditation criteria, the APC (with the help of the GFC executives) put out a survey to ask deans about their withdrawal policies.
		1. Survey Results:
* Still only 15 responses to the withdrawal survey. 8 from IUB, 5 from IUPUI, 1 each from IUE, IUS.
* Essentially everyone said all programs allow a W that they know of, and no accreditation issues were known.
	+ 1. ***Conclusion: No accreditation issues were raised about the W for any respondents. Although no respondent from three of the regional campuses (IUN, IUSB, IUK) filled out the survey, these campuses have few graduate programs. Therefore, course Withdrawal policies should be implementable across the Graduate School.***

Given the acceptability of the W across campuses and programs, based on the minimal feedback the APC received from the survey, and that the W is already being implemented across campuses, the APC generally considers the W grade acceptable for adoption as a graduate policy.

* 1. The APC discussed whether to adopt the W language for the UFC as is. After discussion among the APC and after reaching out to the IUPUI registrar for comment, the APC voted to recommend a modification to the qualifying language at the start of the W policy. Below is first the original ACA-66 C7 policy (1.), followed by ACA-66 C7 with the modified qualifying language (2.).

**1. Original ACA-66 Policy Language**

C.7. “W (withdrawn) For undergraduates only:

A “W” may be given in the following situations in which the student withdraws after the drop/add period:

If a student withdraws after the drop/add period but within the automatic withdrawal period.

If a student withdraws after the automatic withdrawal period but within a time limit set by a unit under a unit policy that allows such withdrawals, with the consent of the instructor and principal administrator of the student’s unit.

If a student received an “I” and the instructor, in consultation with the principal administrator of the unit offering the course, determines that it is not feasible either for the student to complete the required work to remove the “I” or to enter a letter grade based on the work completed.

When the withdrawal is approved under [USSS-02, Military Withdrawal](https://policies.iu.edu/policies/usss-02-military-withdrawal/index.html). “

**2. Recommended modification** (bold, blue type) **to the existing ACA-66 Policy Language** (in red) **to be sent to UFC as a request to modify the policy qualifying phrase preceding the policy:**

C.7. “W (withdrawn) ~~For undergraduates only~~: **The provisions in this policy apply to all Indiana University students in all units, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, unless expressly identified as applying to undergraduates only, subject to two principles:**

**1. Units with graduate or professional programs may adopt or modify any provisions, including grade submission deadlines, as appropriate to their programs, in consultation with the chief academic affairs officer and registrar of the campus administering the program.**

**2. Nothing in this policy is intended to override accreditation standards that may require academic units to vary from its terms.**

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