COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
Amendment to Regulation 9.1
One Year Limit of Grade Change Exceptions

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:
The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) is proposing to amend Santa Cruz Regulation (SCR) 9.1 which allows changing a final grade within one year of the original submission, upon written request from an instructor based on clerical or procedural error.

The current regulation does not take into account grade change requests made after an instructor has left the University or is deceased. This amendment gives CEP the authority to grant exceptions to the one year limit.

CEP guidelines for implementing this change:
In cases in which the instructor is deceased, has left the university, or cannot be contacted for other reasons, the Registrar may approve exceptions to the one-year limit on grade changes based on clerical or procedural error if:
1. The request satisfies all other conditions required for approval; and
2. The failure to meet the one-year deadline was due to factors outside the student’s control; and
3. The department or other course-sponsoring unit supports the request.

Current wording | Proposed wording
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9.1 General. | 9.1 No change

A9.1.1 Grades A-F, shall be awarded for undergraduate students in the manner and with the meanings prescribed in SR 780, except that the grades A and B may be modified by plus (+) or minus (-) suffixes and the grade of C may only be modified by a plus (+) suffix. The grade of I shall be awarded as specified in SCR 9.1.6. The grade of IP shall be awarded as an interim mark in multi-term courses described in SCR 9.1.7. The grade of W denotes the formal withdrawal of the student from the course. (Am 26 May 71 EW, 29 May 96, effective 1 Sept 97; 25 May 77, 23 Feb 00; 9 Nov 00, 21 May 04; CC 31 Aug 98; EC 1 Aug 76)

A9.1.2 A Pass/Not passed option is available to a student in good standing in the manner provided for by SR 782. A grade of Passed shall be awarded only for work which would otherwise receive a grade of C (2.0) or better. A
department may require that any course or courses applied toward credit in a major be taken on a letter grade basis. The P/NP option must be exercised no later than the last day to add a course and may not be subsequently changed. (En 23 Feb 00; Am 9 Nov 00)

9.1.3 All grades, except I and IP, are final when filed by an instructor in the end-of-term course report. However, the Registrar is authorized to change a final grade upon written request of an instructor, provided that a clerical or procedural error is the reason for the change. Grade changes (except for I and IP) must be submitted to the Registrar within one year from the close of the quarter for which the original grade was submitted. No change of grade may be made on the basis of reexamination, or with the exception of the I and IP grades, the completion of additional work. (En 25 May 77; Am 29 May 91, 23 Feb 00)

A9.1.4 Grade points per credit shall be assigned by the Registrar as follows: A = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1; F=0. I, W, or IP = none. "Minus" grades shall be assigned three-tenths grade point less per credit than unsuffixed grades, and "plus" grades (except A+) shall be assigned three-tenths grade point more per credit. The grade of A+ shall be assigned 4.0 grade points per credit, the same as for an unsuffixed A, but when A+ is reported it represents extraordinary achievement. (En 23 Feb 00; EC 31 Aug 09)

9.1.5 With the approval of the Committee on Educational Policy, course sponsoring agencies may offer courses as "P/NP only." The designation of courses as "P/NP only" shall be made by the Committee on Educational Policy
Committee on Educational Policy, Regulation 9.1

The grade of I may be assigned only when a student's work is of passing quality but is incomplete. The student must make arrangements in advance with the instructor in charge of the course in order to receive an I. In order to replace the I with a passing grade and to receive credit, a student must petition by the deadline imposed by the Registrar and complete the work of the course by the end of the finals week of the next term, unless the instructor specifies an earlier date. If the instructor fails to submit a passing grade for any reason by the deadline for submitting grades in the next succeeding term after the I was awarded, the student receives an NP or F depending on the grading option selected. The deadline imposed herein shall not be extended. (However, see SCR 6.7.) (Am 22 Oct 69 EI, 26 May 71 EW, 25 May 77, 28 May 80, 29 May 96, effective 1 Sept 97, 23 Feb 00; CC 31 Aug 98; EC 31 Aug 09)

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terms. The grading option selected for the first term of a multiple term course applies to each subsequent term. [SCR 10.1.4] (Am 19 Apr 72, 25 May 77, 29 May 96, effective 1 Sept 97, 23 Feb 00; CC 31 Aug 98)

A9.1.8 Students who receive a grade of D or F may retake the course, subject to the following guidelines: Courses in which the student has received a letter grade may not be repeated on a P/NP basis. Credits shall not be awarded more than once for the same course, but the grade assigned each time must be permanently recorded on the student's transcript. Repetition of a course more than once requires approval of the student's college. (For computation of GPAs involving repeated courses, see SCR A9.4.1.) Courses originally taken on a P/NP basis but not passed may be repeated either on the same basis or for a letter grade. (En 29 May 96, effective 1 Sept 97; Am 23 Feb 00, 9 Nov 00)

9.1.9 With the exception of this sub-section, the regulations of this chapter do not apply to University Extension courses. University Extension courses shall be graded in accordance with SR 780 (including provisions with regard to grade points and credits) and SR 810(A). (Am 23 Feb 00; CC 29 May 96, 31 Aug 98, 31 Aug 99, 31 Aug 09)

Respectfully submitted,

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