GRADING POLICIES

Grades are recorded from “A” to “F” inclusive and available via the web to each student at the end of each semester. Numerical values corresponding to these letters are as follows:

- A: 90-100, excellent
- B: 80-89, good
- C: 70-79, average
- D: 60-69, passing (not a passing grade for Nursing courses and certain other courses)
- F: Below 60, failure

FN - Failure for Non-Attendance*
- S/CR/P - Satisfactory/credit/pass
- U/NC - Unsatisfactory (no credit)
- IP - In Progress
- W - Dropped or withdrawn
- I - Incomplete

*The FN grade indicates that a student has failed a course due to non-attendance. It is calculated as an “F” in the student’s grade point average. For students receiving financial aid, failure for non-attendance may require the student to refund all or part of his or her aid to the institution.

Justification:
The Department of Education requires that institutions of higher education receiving federal funding must complete a Return to Title IV (R2T4) calculation at the conclusion of every semester for students earning grades of F.

Federal regulations require students receiving financial aid who withdraw or stop attending prior to the 60% point of a term to return a portion of financial aid received. According to these regulations, students are allowed to retain only the amount of Title IV financial aid that is earned. Furthermore, a student who fails all of their classes in a term may be subject to a Return to Title IV (R2T4) calculation. If a student earned at least one of their F’s (they participated in class until the end of the semester and received an F for poor performance), then no calculation is required. However, if the student failed all classes because they stopped attending at some point in the semester, then a R2T4 calculation is required based on the last documented date of attendance. If a last date of attendance cannot be determined, the 50% point of the term will be
used as the withdrawal date.

Current practice does not require faculty to post the last date of attendance for any student when submitting final grades. This practice makes it a very long and manual process for institutional compliance.

Approvals: 

Provost

Signature

Date 6/12/14

For Immediate Implementation