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To: Phil Creighton Provost

From: Dave Parker Faculty Senate President

Subject: Recommended policy changes

Date: September 30 1997

The senate approved the following policy changes recommended by the Academic Policies Committee at our September 23 meeting. If you have any questions regarding these issues please refer to our minutes which will be available on the web shortly contact me or contact Kathleen Shannon who chaired the Academic Policies Committee when it made these recommendations. Thank- you for your consideration of these matters.

1. The description of the IP grade in the catalogue be changed to:

**IP Grade -In Progress; Used for grading on-going theses and research projects internships or independent studies which extend into a subsequent term. Unlike the I grade the IP grade does not automatically become an F at the end of a given time interval.**

Applicability of the IP Grade would be decided on a course by course basis by departments for undergraduate courses(this grade currently exists for graduate courses). A memo from the department chair to the registrar would be sufficient to make a course eligible for this grade. This change shouldn't have to go through the Curriculum Committee because it is not a final grade; catalogue needs to make clear that the IP does not have the same implications for change as the Incomplete grade.

There was a concern raised: what happens if a student withdraws from the University before completing a course with an IP grade then is later readmitted? The committee felt that the issue would have to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis but since it

would most probably be a rare occurrence it was not sufficient reason to deny the request for this change.

Additionally if this policy is adopted it will be necessary to "survey" the departments to identify which courses could appropriate utilize the IP grade. We would be happy to work with you or the Registrar to accomplish this.

2. The final 30 hour policy be changed to:

**30 of the last 40 hours must be taken at Salisbury State University.**

Rationale: It is standard practice at present to waive the policy to allow students to take up to 6 hours of the final 30 at another institution. Rather than continue to waive the policy almost automatically the committee felt that given the number of waivers the policy ought to reflect the practice. Also since students don't always take their courses in a set order the emphasis on *exactly* the last 30 hours seemed to be unnecessary. The 10 hour leeway was chosen as a round number that essentially represents 3 courses; this seemed reasonable to the committee. It would still be the case that no student would receive a degree from SSU with fewer than 30 credits earned at SSU and that the bulk of their senior course work would be completed at SSU. This policy does not constitute blanket permission to take 10 credits anywhere; students would still need to get approval to study at another institution.

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