

**Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies**  
**Midterm Assessment of Undergraduate Students**

**CUSP 2025-26D**

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**WHEREAS**, Presidential Policy Memorandum 107 (PPM 107) established a midterm university assessment that would provide a course midterm grade of “S” for “Satisfactory” for students with a grade of C or higher and “U” for Unsatisfactory for students earning below a C; and

**WHEREAS**, PPM 107 requires midterm grades only for first year and transfer students during their first semester, so that students and academic advisors are aware of academic progress; and

**WHEREAS**, the broad “S” and “U” grading system may be confusing for students due to lack of specific feedback potentially creating a misleading sense of security, difficulty in self-assessment and planning, and a misalignment with course expectations; and

**WHEREAS**, the “S” and “U” grading system has limited usefulness for advisors and academic support services as it may not flag students who are struggling but still technically passing and therefore delaying intervention and

**WHEREAS**, the university’s learning management system, Canvas, will soon include a gradebook that connects directly to midterm grade entry; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a grade that reflects the course’s assigned grade mode (A–F or P/F) offers students a more accurate view of their academic standing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the University Registrar has the capability to run reports identifying first year and transfer students for midterm grade entry;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that that midterm grade entry will no longer use "S" for "Satisfactory" and "U" for "Unsatisfactory"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that midterm grade entry will use the assigned grade mode for each course to provide first year and transfer students with midterm grades; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Office of the University Registrar will provide reports to instructors of record and the student support community identifying first year and transfer students who should receive midterm grades.



Staff Senate Comments  
CUSP Resolution 2025-26D

11/17/2025

Staff Senate has reviewed CUSP Resolution 2025-26C and has no questions or comments.

Staff senate has no further comment.

Thank you,

Gabe Petry, Chair, Staff Senate Policies and Issues Committee



## AP Faculty Senate Comments

### CUSP 2025-26D - Resolution to Revise PPM 107 Midterm Assessment of Undergraduate Students

December 5, 2025

The A/P Faculty Senate Polices and Issues Committee has reviewed and approves/endorses CUSP 2025-26D - Resolution to Revise PPM 107 Midterm Assessment of Undergraduate Students.

Although the resolution received majority approval and endorsement from the A/P Faculty Senators, we are providing all submitted comments for your awareness and thoughtful consideration. A formal response to these remarks is not required:

Can we change the word freshman/freshmen to first-year?

Will spring admits receive mid-term grades or only fall admits?