

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES
MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate
FROM: Jonathan Driver, Dean of Graduate Studies
SUBJECT: Change to Graduate Regulation 1.5.1
DATE: 21st February 2005
cc:

Although grade notations WD and WE appear on graduate transcripts, there is no discussion of their use in the Calendar. At its meeting of 14th February 2005, Senate Graduate Studies Committee approved the addition of the following paragraph to Graduate General Regulation 1.5.1, and I recommend that Senate also approve this.

Proposed addition to GGR 1.5.1

A course that is dropped before the end of the second week of the semester will not be recorded on the student's transcript. A course that is dropped within the third to eighth weeks (inclusive) will be recorded on the transcript with the notation WD. No course may be dropped after the end of the eighth week and before the end of the twelfth week, except in extenuating circumstances approved by the Director, Graduate Records, Admissions and Registration. Courses dropped under extenuating circumstances will receive a WE notation. See the Academic Calendar of Events for dates that apply each semester. WD and WE grades carry no credit value and are not used in GPA calculations.

MOTION: "that Senate approve the proposed addition to Graduate General Regulation 1.5.1"

Rationale:

We use these notations, and we publish dates concerning them in the Academic Calendar of Events, but there is no discussion of them in GGR.

Implications:

The Academic Calendar of Events will have the following entries:

- (a) last day of week two: “Last day for graduate students to add courses and register late. Last day to drop courses with no notation on the transcript”
- (b) last day of week eight: “Last day for graduate students to drop a course and receive a WD on the transcript”
- (c) last day of week twelve: “Last day for graduate students to drop a course under extenuating circumstances and receive a WE on the transcript”