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**MEMORANDUM** 

ATTENTION Senate DATE October 4, 2022

FROM Jeff Derksen,

Chair of Senate Graduate Studies

Committee (SGSC)

RE: Graduate General Regulation 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems and Policies

At its meeting on October 4, 2021 SGSC reviewed and approved the revision Graduate General Regulation 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems and Policies. This gives rise to the following motion, effective Summer 2023:

### **Motion 1:**

That Senate approve the revisions to Graduate General Regulation 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems and Policies



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ATTENTION SGSC

DATE September 21, 2022

FROM

Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald

Associate Director, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

RE:

GRR 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems

and Policies

# For Approval:

The following Graduate General Regulation changes have been approved by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for your approval. The items should be effective for Summer 2023.

Sincerely,

Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald Associate Director, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Simon Fraser University

## Calendar Entry Change for GGR 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems and Policies

## **Summary of change:**

Adding language on time limit for a graduate student to request a change the grading basis of an individual course.

### Rationale for change:

When GGR 1.5 was reformatted in 2020, the sentence requiring S/U requests to be done prior to the start of the term was removed from the notion section, but, not re-added to the overall competency-based grading section. This was an oversight.

Prior to 2020 students had until the start of the term. In this revision, we are recommending that student have up to the 100% drop deadline (two weeks into the term) to allow more time for the student to determine if they want to change the grading basis.

# **Effective term and year:**

Summer 2023

Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students?

No

#### **FROM**

## 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems and Policies

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#### TO

## 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems and Policies

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An individual student may request permission to have the grading basis changed or to take a course as an audit by applying to their supervisory committee. If

	that committee concurs, the request will be submitted to the graduate program chair followed by GPS for approval. The grading basis change must occur no later than end of week two. None of the student's minimum course work requirement under 1.7.2 may be completed S/U or audit.  []
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