

## **Proposal to Establish a GP (Grade Pending) Grade for Pending Student Conduct Cases**

At the request of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (SCCS), and following consultation with the Office of the Provost, the Office of General Counsel, and the Undergraduate Council, the Academic Council is asked to consider this revised proposal to establish a GP (Grade Pending) grade. The GP grade would be used exclusively when an academic misconduct case remains unresolved at the time final grades are due.

Under current policy, an Instructor of Record (IOR) must assign the grade a student would have earned without applying an academic sanction or grade penalty based on suspected academic misconduct while a review of the matter by SCCS is pending.

<https://dos.uoregon.edu/addressing-academic-misconduct>

Under this new policy, instead of submitting a substantive letter grade while a case is pending, IORs will assign the temporary grade of GP (Grade Pending), indicating that a conduct review is in progress and that no final academic evaluation has yet been recorded.

### **Criteria and Process for Using the GP Grade**

- When an IOR files or intends to file an academic misconduct incident report with SCCS that is not or will not be resolved prior to submission of term grades and that will potentially change the student's final letter grade, the instructor should record the GP grade for that student.
- The IOR will also submit a default grade that would replace the GP grade should the student be found not responsible for academic misconduct. This grade should reflect the work of the student as if they did not commit academic misconduct. The default grade exists in the background and would not be submitted until the case is resolved.
- The IOR must submit an academic misconduct incident report no later than three (3) calendar days after the grade submission deadline for the term.
- The GP grade is required only when the potential academic sanction could change the student's final letter grade. If the student's final grade will not be changed as a result of a finding that they are responsible for academic misconduct, the IOR should submit the final grade as usual while also submitting an academic misconduct incident report with SCCS.
- The GP grade functions solely as a placeholder and does not represent academic performance.
- Once the case is resolved, the GP grade will be replaced with the final grade submitted by the IOR through the normal grade change process, consistent with the outcome of the case.

### **Impacts of the GP Grade**

The GP grade mirrors the administrative effects of an Incomplete but is distinct in purpose. While GP is in place:

- The course carries no earned credit
- The course does not calculate into GPA
- The course does not satisfy prerequisites
- The course does not count toward academic standing or satisfactory academic progress

To mitigate negative impact, SCCS and the Registrar will prioritize timely resolution and grade replacement once adjudication concludes.

### NOTES:

- Framing important
  - Current practice negatively impacts students
  - It's about pausing rather than penalizing
  - Probably not a perfect policy – but better than what we are doing now.
  - Are there other scenarios this might apply to?
- Student conduct process
  - Can they provide an average time to resolution or other context?
  - Average % found responsible?
  - Turnaround time at other institutions?
  - Can they fast-track cases with GP?
- Where does this show up and when?
  - This would be on the transcript and the legend would define it as “neutral”. Would not refer to academic misconduct.
  - Some concerns about this causing harm for students when they share transcripts.
- Guidance on how departments manage this with prerequisites. Same as with Incompletes?