

# Senate Scholastic Standards Committee

Minutes 4/1/2025

MS Teams

Co-Chairs: Karen Bresciano, Jamie Kleinman

\*Karen Bresciano, Co-Chair, The Graduate School (*absent*)

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Erin Ciarimboli, Office of Undergraduate Advising

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Jennifer Lease Butts, Honors and Enrichment Program

Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office

Lauren Schlesselman, CETL, Academic Program Assessment

Christine Wenzel, Center for Students with Disabilities

A. **Approval of Minutes:** [March 4, 2025](#) : minutes passed with one abstention.

## B. Announcements

- a. Senate By-Laws related to Readmission (Article II, B, 12) 4/7/25 Senate vote review
- b. [Senate By-Laws E.9.Class Attendance \(amended\) Resolution](#): 4/7/25 Senate vote review

## C. Old Business

- a. Academic Integrity Discussion Follow-Up: Michelle Everard shared that a response has been received by the SEC from the Provost late last week and more information should be available soon.

## D. New Business

- a. Block Transfer (Larry Walsh): Larry Walsh shared the procedure document for the committee to review. It was discussed how to procedurally handle both the procedure and the programs approved under the Block Transfer and it was decided that Scholastic Standards can vote on the procedure, but the programs themselves should go to the Senate on an upcoming consent agenda. Sarah Croucher shared her screen and the committee reviewed the draft document titled "[Procedure on](#)

[Block Transfer.” Discussion](#) ensued and direct edits were made to the file. Larry Walsh also shared his screen to show a form put together for the committee to review specific programs and the committee discussed the [Associate of Arts Degree, Liberal Arts & Sciences \(LASC-AA\)](#) from CSU within the format of this draft form. The committee voted unanimously to approve this degree for Block Transfer. Larry Walsh also shared his screen to review a form put together for the [Associate of Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree \(LASC-AS\)](#) from CSU for review. Due to time constraints, discussion on this program is tabled until the next committee meeting.

- b. Removal of “Scholastic Probation” from By-Law language: due to time constraints, tabled to the next meeting.

**Pass-Fail Option.** A student who is not on scholastic probation may elect a maximum of 12 credits (not including credits on P/F recorded in spring 2020) to be distributed over not more than one course per semester and three courses total, to be recorded as ‘P’ for Pass or ‘F’ for Fail on his or her permanent record. Courses taken Pass-Fail may only be used as electives; they may not be used to satisfy general education, school/college, major or minor requirements. Students who are selecting a course for the Pass-Fail option or want to convert a Pass-Fail back to a graded basis must do so by the eleventh of the semester. Students who convert to a Pass-Fail and then revert the course back to a graded basis cannot again convert the course back to a Pass-Fail. Students seeking to put a course on Pass-Fail after the eleventh week of the semester must get approval from the student’s advisor and from the Dean or designee of the school or college in which the student is enrolled. Approvals are given only for extenuating circumstances beyond the student’s control; poor academic performance is not an extenuating circumstance. For courses taught outside of the fall and spring semesters, these deadlines will be adjusted in a pro-rated fashion by the Registrar.

#### Article II.B.5:

5. *Full-Time and Part-Time Students*

Students are admitted to the University with full-time status, which requires their carrying at least 12 credits each semester. Students seeking to obtain part-time status, that is, carry fewer than 12 credits, must obtain written approval from the deans of the schools/colleges in which they are enrolled. Part-time students may not participate in any extra-curricular activity involving intercollegiate competition except by permission of the Dean of Students or designee. Part-time status also affects financial aid, scholastic probation and dismissal, and could affect eligibility for University housing.

#### Article II. B.10:

In considering a schedule with fewer than 12 credits, a student should consult with an advisor and dean or designee of the school or college in which the student is enrolled. A student considering fewer than 12 credits should note the regulations concerning part-time students, scholastic probation and dismissal (see II.B.3, *Improper Registration or Failure to Register*, II.B.4, *Credits Permitted in a Semester* and II.E.12, *Suspension or Expulsion*), and financial aid.

#### Article II.E.4:

#### 4. Temporary Grades

Temporary grades signify that credit has not been earned in that course and may subject the student to **scholastic** probation or dismissal. Temporary grades shall not prevent the calculation of either the semester or the cumulative grade point average.

##### *a. Temporary Grades Related to Incomplete Work*

An instructor may assign a temporary grade for a course when student work is not completed within the semester.

D. Pass/Fail Policy (Erin Ciarimboli): Erin Ciarimboli reminded the committee of a past discussion on this topic, which pertained to the case of a specific student whose faculty and staff advocates wanted policy changes to the pass/fail policy with regards to students on academic notice. The committee agreed unanimously that the decision still stands that at this time there is no interest in amending the pass/fail policy for students that are on academic notice.

### Tabled until Future Meeting:

- a. Bunched Finals Discussion
- b. Lab Transfer Credit (hybrid labs)