



Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Revise final examination policies in the Student Code

SPONSOR: Senate Educational Policy Committee, Abbas Aminmansour, Chair (333-2834, AAmin@Illinois.edu)

COLLEGE CONTACT: Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Revise Section 3-201, Part 2, Article 3 of the Student Code as follows. Additions to the policy are underlined. Deleted text is in strikethrough.

§ 3-201 Final Examinations

(a) All Students

- (1) Requirement for final examinations: If required, comprehensive final examinations must be given during the scheduled final examination period. No comprehensive examinations may be administered during the last week of instruction. In certain cases, such as multi-section and multi-instructor courses, coordination of final examinations at the department level may be necessary. ~~Final examinations will be given during the scheduled final examination period for each course, except in a course that has a character that renders a final examination unnecessary or impracticable. The head or chairperson of the academic department in which the course is offered determines when a final examination is not required.~~

JUSTIFICATION: The revisions clarify the optional nature of requiring final exams in a course and that the decision to require final examinations lies with the course instructor. The revisions also encourage coordination of final examinations in multi-section and multi-instructor courses.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed: None
- b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.): None
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments: None
- d. Impact on the University Library: None
- e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2010 semester

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG: Not applicable

CLEARANCES:

Signatures:

Provost Representative:

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Educational Policy Committee Representative:

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