UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE AY 2012/2013
RESOLUTION 42-21

Graduate Grading Policy Clarification

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Sangamon State University (now University of Illinois at Springfield) created and implemented a grading policy (University Assembly Bill 11-2); and

WHEREAS, the policy establishes that a maximum of eight credit hours of C grades are allowable for graduate degrees, which must be balanced by equal number of credit hours of A grades; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Council has determined that current policy is difficult to apply equally across all degrees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate approves the following Graduate Grading Policy Clarification.

New catalog copy (changes indicated in red):

Grades Acceptable Toward Master’s Degrees

Campus policy allows master’s degree students to apply a maximum of eight hours of courses with a C grade (grades of C- or lower are not allowed) toward a degree, provided that each hour of C is balanced by an hour of A and an approved Student Petition is on file in the Office of Records and Registration. They have earned a minimum of a 3.0 GPA at time of graduation. Individual academic programs may require a higher minimum grade for graduate credit, so graduate students should check with their academic advisor and/or department regarding individual program requirements to determine if a grade of C is acceptable. Credit for courses in which grades below C, including grades of C-, are earned will not count toward master’s degree requirements.

UA Bill #11-2

A maximum of 8 hours of C grade at the graduate level is applicable to the degree provided that each hours of “C” is balanced by an hour of “A”. Individual graduate programs may not accept certain courses in which “C” grades are earned.
Revised Policy
A maximum of two courses with C grade at the graduate level are applicable to the degree provided that a minimum GPA of 3.0 is reached at time of graduation. Individual graduate programs may not accept certain courses in which “C” grades are earned and may adopt a more rigorous grading policy.

Rationale
Under current UIS policy, students with a 3.0 GPA at the graduate level may be blocked from graduating if they cannot balance credit hours of C grade with equal hours of A grade. In addition, the current policy is difficult to implement and explain. Therefore, to clarify and streamline implementation of C grading policy at UIS, Graduate Council recommends the clarification of wording to provide a maximum number of courses with C grade as long as a benchmark of 3.0 GPA at time of graduation is maintained.