

"A grade of XF to be added to the grading system which can be assigned at the discretion of faculty for students who are not attending. This grade will have a numerical value of 0 for GPA purposes. Note that faculty retain the right to use "F" instead of "XF" in this instance."

Rationale: This would add an optional "XF" grade to the drop-down menu. This distinction is meant to indicate that the student stopped attending, but did not officially withdraw. During discussions with faculty, the subcommittee found that many faculty were applying a W from the drop down menu at the end of the semester for the "disappearing student." This XF designation is meant to take the place for when the W was previously applied in those situations by faculty. Please note, that the faculty would not be required to use this distinction, and would also retain the right to indicate a F (or other letter grade) on the final grade menu, as he or she deems appropriate based on grading policies and individual course requirements.

Thread: several questions **Posted Date:** October 14, 2019 1:26 PM
Post: several questions **Status:** Published
Author:  **Dennis Reissig**

The XF grade sounds like a good compromise for faculty who don't want to give grades to students who stop attending, but don't withdraw themselves. I do have some questions:

- 1) Would there be guidelines for interpretation of the words "not attending"? For example, a student attends all classes but does not show up for the final exam. This doesn't sound like "not attending" to me, but others might interpret it differently. What if a student attends 14 straight weeks but then doesn't show up for the last week? ...
- 2) Would we need an interpretation for online classes?
- 3) Would the grade roster include a column for date of last attendance if the grade of XF is given (as we have in the Enrollment Verification Rosters)?
- 4) What about developmental courses? Students who fail a developmental course get a grade of U. Would we now use XU or would we still use XF in developmental courses? (Not to mention the other failing grade: R).

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Author:  **Lynn Liebert Marx**

I share these concerns, and they would need to be addressed at some point. I do feel this might alleviate the discomfort some faculty might feel about the loss of the w option on the final grade roster.

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Post: RE: several questions **Status:** Published
Author:  **Theodore Koukounas**

This is indeed a good compromise. I share the same that Dennis captured above regarding how we treat the developmental classes I definitely support the XF option. The XU is a great idea for developmental students only and allows us to stay within the developmental grading culture.

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