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FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 81-3

WHEREAS, the current policy for removing an "I" (Incomplete) grade for a graduate student requires the removal of that grade within 45 days after the last day for turning in grades, after which time the "I" will be changed to an "F" if it has not been removed or if approval from the Dean of the Graduate School for an extension of time has not been received (LSU Graduate School Catalog, 1980-81, p 39f.); and

WHEREAS, problems related to the current policy appear to suggest the need to alter the present policy, e.g., the 45-day period does not take into account whether the student is enrolled in Graduate School during the semester in which the 45-day deadline occurs; and 45-day period does not seem to be sufficiently long enough for many student to complete requirements necessary for removal of the "I" grade; and

WHEREAS a review of several other major universities throughout the United States has revealed that most of the universities reviewed associated the removal of the "I" grade with the next semester in which the student is enrolled and that the length of time for removal of the "I" grade is typically one semester;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current policy for the removal of an "I" grade for graduate students should be changed to:

An "I" grade will be converted to an "F" unless it is removed by the date grades are due at the end of the next regular semester in which the student is in residence at LSU or an extension of time has been approved by the faculty member issuing the "I" grade and the Dean of the Graduate School.

Adopted: January 20, 1982