


"[Note] W is removed from the final grade roster."

Rationale: Removing the W from the final grade roster eliminates "faculty-initiated withdrawals," which currently accounts for the largest percentage of withdrawals per semester (FTFT 2008 - 46.2%, FTFT 2016 - 41.6%, and in FTFT 2018 - 37.1% of all withdraws within that semester were initiated by faculty on the drop down menu [see W Policy Subcommittee_OPIE data.pdf


p. 2 & 4]). The subcommittee believes that this will help to reduce the "unintended consequences" that students face by receiving W's on their transcript. Removing the W from the drop down would also put SCCC's policy in accordance with most every other community college in the SUNY system: W policies - CC research.pdf

Thread: comment about terminology **Posted Date:** October 14, 2019 1:37 PM
Post: comment about terminology **Status:** Published
Author:  **Dennis Reissig**

I'm in favor of removing the W from the final grade roster.


I have a comment about terminology: The words "faculty-initiated" sounds like the W was given without discussion with the student. However, I imagine that a fair portion of the approximately 40% of W's in this category are actually requested by students then, rather than make the student go through the work of going to the Registrar, getting the withdrawal form, filling it out, having it signed by the professor, and returning it to the Registrar, the instructor simply says "don't worry, I'll give you a W".

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Post: RE: comment about terminology **Status:** Published
Author:  **Lynn Liebert Marx**


I agree! I am sure that the vast majority of these W's are the result of an exchange between student and faculty, **but** because **we have no evidence of that**, no record of last date of attendance it remains problematic. In addition, the mere presence of the w on the drop down menu as an "option" may invite some faculty to consider it appropriate for a "disappearing" student, and it may even result in accidental application due to error. The **w should be eliminated from the drop down menu** regardless.

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Post: RE: comment about terminology **Status:** Published
Author:  **Susan Koukounas**

I agree. The W should be eliminated from the drop down menu.

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Thread: Welcomed changes
Post: Welcomed changes
Author:  **Theodore Koukounas**

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I agree with this and fully support the removal of the W option from the grade roster.

Further, I have come across professors that sometimes offer students the W if they don't meet a certain grade threshold. This is not right for a lot of reasons, not to mention that students might stop trying if they know this in advance; many of which can possibly complete their course successfully. The W in the drop down, in my opinion, may have hurt a percentage of those students with W's that would have otherwise completed their course successfully had the W offer not been on the table in the first place.

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Post: RE: Welcomed changes
Author:  **Richard Mack**

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Fully agree. The removal of the W is the best option because it won't be an option anymore.

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