4. Grade changes and grade point average for semester/cumulative calculations

Issue: PeopleSoft as delivered, recalculates grade point average (GPA) after a grade change, from the semester in which the course was originally attempted. Impact on academic standing can be postponed until the semester in which the grade change is keyed. ADMIN recalculates GPA after a grade change, only from the semester in which the grade change was keyed. In ADMIN, academic standing is also impacted from the semester in which the grade change is keyed, unless either the student or the college requests a specific re-calculation.

Grade changes and grade point average calculations will be handled as follows:
Use PS as delivered, i.e., allow GPA to recalculate from the semester in which the course was originally attempted

Discussion of decision:
Advantages -
- Students' GPA will more accurately reflect their college work if it is recalculated from the semester in which the course was originally attempted.
- PeopleSoft delivered process, of recalculating GPA from the semester in which the course was originally attempted, is based on the way most institutions handle grade recalculations after grade change.

Disadvantages –
- In a few cases, conversion data (in terms of academic standing) may differ from transcripted historical data. Cumulative GPA's in ADMIN and PeopleSoft will agree, however.

Other option considered:
Modify PeopleSoft to replicate ADMIN, i.e., program PeopleSoft to recalculate GPA only from the semester of the grade change

Executive Summary

Grade Changes and Grade Point Average for Semester/Cumulative Calculations (Discussion)

Premises:
PeopleSoft as delivered, recalculates grade point average (GPA) after a grade change, **from the semester in which the course was originally attempted.** Impact on academic standing can be postponed until the semester in which the grade change is keyed.

ADMIN recalculates GPA after a grade change, **from the semester in which the grade change was keyed.** With ADMIN, academic standing is also impacted from the semester in which the grade change is keyed, unless either the student or the college requests a specific re-calculation.

Options:
1) Mod to replicate ADMIN, i.e., allow GPA to recalc only from the semester of the grade change
2) Use PS as delivered, i.e., allow GPA to recalc from the semester in which the initial grade was earned

Discussion:
We recommend Option 2, which would require a change of Undergraduate and Graduate catalog statements and may cause conversion data (in terms of academic standing) to look different from transcripted historical data.

UH Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs state:
A change in grade (other than I, incomplete) will affect the academic status of the semester in which the grade was earned and all subsequent semesters. A change of grade from I will affect only the cumulative grade point average effective the semester the I is completed (or changed to F or U).

For conversion to PS, we are running the PS enrollment engine (as delivered) to create graded enrollment records and we will also store only the last known grade for any enrollment record. PS converted records will therefore have the grade calculate in the semester in which the course was originally attempted. The student's academic standing will quite likely differ from ADMIN to PS. Ultimately, however, the converted cumulative GPA will resolve to be the same from ADMIN to PS.