

Posthumous Grades

Motion:

When a student passes away before completing all assignments in a course, that student will be awarded a grade of W in the course. However, if the student has completed more than half the work required for the course and earned a grade of A or B in that work, the instructor may award the student an A or a B.

Rationale:

There is currently no policy on posthumous grades. This invites confusion and unequal treatment. It also causes delay in the awarding of grades at a time when a student's family does not need to be worried about such things. In a few cases, instructors, not knowing that a student has passed away, have submitted grades of F because the student did not complete the course. This has caused families unnecessary stress.