Rationale for Proposed Amendment for New USRR 2.2.5.
At the request of Danny Anderson, Former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Sara Rosen, Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs (position at the time of recommendation), AP&P recommended the new grading system for CLAS (with the intention of offering to other schools) of SP (Satisfactory Progress), LP (Limited Progress), NP (No Progress) for dissertation and thesis hours or their approved equivalents to achieve the following: 1) bring the College into compliance with Graduate Studies policy, particularly with regard to the limitations on counting S/U grades for graduate credit, 2) allow departments some latitude in their grading practices, 3) provide students with grades that accurately reflect their progress through the degree program, and 4) support timely completion of all degree requirements.

USRR 2.2.5 The College or any school may use the letters SP (Satisfactory Progress), LP (Limited Progress), NP (No Progress) only for dissertation and thesis hours or their approved equivalents. In the case of a completing student, the grade assigned to the final thesis or dissertation hour enrollments must be an SP.

(This will necessitate changing the numbering of the current USRR 2.2.5 through 2.2.11 to USRR 2.2.6 through 2.2.12).