Date: March 28, 2016
To: KU Faculty, Students and Staff
From: Mike Williams, University Senate President
Re: REVIEW of Amendment to University Senate Rules and Regulations (USRR) 2.2.5

You were previously notified by email of proposed changes to University Senate Rules & Regulations (USRR) 2.2.5. These changes were approved by University Senate at its meeting on March 24, 2016. They are being forwarded to KU Faculty, Students and Staff for the required 21-day review period. Per Section 1.8.3 (b) of the University Senate Code, a review by the University Senate of its action may be requested by petition of 100 members of the faculty. Such request should be forwarded to the Office of University Governance (33 Strong Hall, govern@ku.edu, 864-5169) by Monday, April 18, 2016. The changes are shown below. (Added language is in bold). Please contact me (mikewms@ku.edu) if you have questions about these amendments.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO USRR REGARDING NEW GRADING SYSTEM FOR DISSERTATION AND THESIS HOURS.
Approved by University Senate Executive Committee (SenEx) February 9, 2016
Approved by University Senate March 24, 2016

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, 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).