Proposal:

The grade of FN and UN be created.

Justification:

The University is currently out of compliance with the Federal government expectations that universities identify and collect attendance data on students who receive federal financial assistance – yet do not attend classes. The Federal Government requires that all students who receive Title IV funds attend class at least 60% of the term (for Eastern that would be through the 10th week of Fall or Spring and a proportionate amount for summer). Experience from other institutions suggests EKU’s risk potential for non-compliance in this matter involves federally levied institutional fines in the millions of dollars (IU - $10M, Bowling Green – $1M).

In order to monitor non-attendance by students, the FN (Failing for Non-Attendance) and UN (Unsatisfactory for Non-Attendance) grades would identify at mid-term as well as the end of term students who fail due to “ceasing to attend.” When the FN or UN is entered for the student, the faculty will provide the date of last attendance as best determined. This would allow the Financial Aid Office to determine which student’s Title IV must be returned to the Feds as required by law.