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Re : Governance Policy for BSU Online

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 10:08 AM
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Subject: Concerns Regarding the 48 hour Grading/Feedback Expectation

I teach in the RN to BSN program which is online at BSU. I would like to express concerns regarding the expectation that all student assignments be graded with feedback within 48 hours. While timely feedback is essential for student learning, this strict timeframe presents several challenges.

1. Effective feedback requires thoughtful engagement with complex or research-based assignments. A strict 48-hour turnaround time reduces meaningful individualized comments needed for students, especially with those who struggle with writing skills and proper APA format.
2. Different assignments require different levels of evaluations. Quizzes can usually be graded quickly, but essays, research papers, and projects demand more time to review. There are some assignments that take up to an hour to grade for each student. We can't neglect the student assignments in other courses while trying to meet a 48-hour deadline on grading a complex assignment in one of our courses. We require papers and projects that are turned in to have proper APA format which require detailed feedback on corrections. Faculty should have the necessary time to fairly and objectively evaluate students work.
3. While quick turnaround time on feedback is beneficial, the quality of feedback is more important. Quality feedback help students understand their mistakes and foster learning.

Flexible grading timelines based on assignment complexity would ensure timely feedback and high academic standards. Less complex assignments are often returned to students within 24 to 48 hours in the RN to BSN program, however more complex assignments are returned prior to the following week's assignment. Please reconsider this strict timeline for providing feedback to students.

Thank you for taking the time to review these comments. I would welcome further discussion on this matter.

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