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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, February 10, 1997. Proposal to amend University Senate Rules, Section V - Grades and Marking systems - to establish a plus/minus grading system for The Graduate School

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**Proposal:** [Add to Section V - 5.1.0 the bold sections below]

5.1.0 Grades and Marking Systems

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**The Graduate School**

**The following grades are given with the respective point value indicated**

	<b>B+ 3.3</b>	<b>C+ 2.3</b>	<b>E=0.0</b>
<b>A 4.0</b>	<b>B 3.0</b>	<b>C 2.0</b>	
<b>A- 3.7</b>	<b>B- 2.7</b>	<b>C- 1.7</b>	

**Background and Rationale:**

The proposed plus/minus grading system will add flexibility to grading and will allow faculty to make finer distinctions in the awarding of grades. A 3.0000 (no rounding) graduate grade point average will remain as the minimum acceptable grade point average in determining probation status and as the minimum grade point average required for graduation. Since the grading system within graduate level courses is more abbreviated

due to minimum gpa requirements, the need for finer grade distinctions is necessary to more accurately represent student performance.

The proposal has the approval of the Graduate Council , the Graduate Faculty, and the unanimous approval of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards and the Senate Council.

Implementation Date: Fall, 1997

Note: If approved, the proposal will be sent to the Rules Committee for codification.