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MEMORANDUM

TO Members, University Senate

FROM University Senate Council

RE AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, 13 October 1997 at 3:00 PM. Proposal to adopt a uniform grading system for all undergraduate students on the Lexington Campus and Medical Center Sectors

Proposal: That the University adopt a uniform grading system for all undergraduate students on the Lexington Campus and Medical Center Sectors to be selected from one of the following two systems:

1. No plus/minus system
A,B,C,D,E with no pluses/minuses
2. GPA Neutral system
Plus minus grades (A+ to E) are assigned by the instructor and appear on the transcript, but GPA is computed on the whole letter grade only.

Procedure: In order to facilitate an orderly and open discussion of the issue the Senate Council , as the executive body of the Senate, has adopted the following guidelines for the discussion:

1. Only substitute motions will be allowed.;
2. Substitute motions must indicate for which of the two grading system options they are intended to substitute and must have been submitted one week in advance of the Senate meeting to allow for duplication and dissemination at the meeting (see below for motion submitted at mailing).
3. Unless there is objection, debate on each substitute motion will be limited to 15 minutes.

Substitute motions will be considered in the order in which they were submitted to the Senate Council office. If someone submits a substitute motion (e.g., a system that is not GPA neutral), this must be offered as a substitute for one of the two current options and requires a second. Debate will follow and the vote will be between the indicated system and its substitute. At the conclusion of that vote we will again have two systems before us. When all substitute motions have been debated and voted on, the two systems remaining will be debated and the final vote taken resulting in adoption of one undergraduate system for the University.

The Senate Council believes this approach will allow for open discussion of alternatives while ensuring an orderly and timely resolution of this issue. We look forward to a spirited and collegial discussion of the issue.

Implementation: Fall, 1998

Note: If approved, the proposal will be codified by the Rules Committee

SUBSTITUTE MOTION 1

Moved by Dr. Tom Waldhart (Library Science)

I move that the following option be substituted for Option 2, GPA neutral system:

Plus/Minus System

Plus/minus grades (A+ through E) may be assigned by instructors. They appear on the students transcript and they are used to compute GPA in the following way:

A+ = 4.3	B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3	E = 0
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0	
A- = 3.7	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	D- = 0.7	

US Agenda: +/- Uniform System 10.13.97