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TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, 13 April 1998 at 3:00 PM.
Proposed change to University Senate Rules.

Proposal:

Duplicate grades¹ for courses in which a grade of B or better was originally earned will not be used to raise the student's GPA unless an official repeat option is exercised.

Rationale:

Duplicating a course, in which a grade of B or better has already been received, is against the prevailing academic philosophy that a GPA should be a true indication of one's academic ability. For example, as it stands a student who has received a grade of A in a certain course can retake that course indefinitely and increase his or her GPA. Passage of this proposal would close such a loophole.

The proposal is recommended by the Admissions and Academic Standards and the Senate Council.

Implementation Date: Fall Semester, 1998

¹The second or subsequent grades recorded for the same course without the benefit of a repeat option will be designated as a duplicate grade. Duplication of topics, subtitled, independent study, and other courses that are allowed by a program and use a common course number are excluded from being designated as a "duplicate" grade.