

REPORT OF SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS COMMITTEE

I. REPORTING OF GRADUATING SENIORS' GRADES:

Approved

The Committee was charged to examine the early reporting of grades for seniors intending to graduate. At present grades are required by the Registrar on the Monday preceding the Saturday of Commencement. This usually falls within the period of final examinations. In the light of the processes necessary to check eligibility to graduate and print the program, the Committee found that it would not be possible to delay the reporting of some graduating seniors' grades until after the final examinations unless various arrangements were made to shorten the period of teaching within the semester, shorten the examination period, or delay Commencement itself. The Committee regarded the possible remedies less commendable than the practice of requiring senior grades within the examination period is harmful. However, the Committee recommends that departments and colleges do not require faculty to report grades for graduating seniors until after the last day of classes.

The Committee proposes to remove an anomaly between the requirements of "Regular examinations" (Bulletin U17) and the arrangements for "Graduating seniors" who may be given "an earlier final exam" by the following addition to Regular Examinations, para. 2:

Not Approved

Final examinations for graduating seniors only may be given in the last week of classes.

II. USE OF MINUS GRADES:

The Committee finds that minus grades are widely used by faculty and are often reported to students, and to the Registrar's Office where they are rounded upwards for the official report of grades, etc. The Committee recommends the incorporation of minus grades into the present grading system, together with the appropriate amendments to the calculation of GPR, etc.

Not Approved

III. GRADE OF A+:

The Committee recommends the addition of A+ to the present grading system.

Not Approved

IV. The Committee is pleased to transmit for Senate consideration the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Attendance policy:

Enrollment in a course obligates the student not only for prompt completion of all work assigned but also for punctual and regular attendance and for participation in whatever class discussion may occur. It is the student's responsibility to keep informed concerning all assignments made. Absences whether excused or unexcused do not absolve him from this responsibility.

Absence from more than 10% of the scheduled class sessions whether excused or unexcused is excessive and the instructor may choose to exact a grade penalty for such absences.

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Maybe effective in 1982 (?)