

**HuNS COLLEGE ASSEMBLY**  
**February 28, 2008 -- 12:30 PM**  
**Bobet Hall, Room 332**

**Agenda**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Invocation**

**III. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2008.**

**IV. Announcements**

- 1) David Moore

**V. Reports**

- 1) Faculty Evaluation Instrument Committee -- "Student Evaluation of Instruction"  
(Rev. Leo Nicoll, S.J.)
- 2) Recycling (Kathy Anzelmo)

**VI. Old Business**

- 1) PROPOSAL FOR GUIDELINES FOR MENTORING, PROMOTION AND TENURE (Sara Butler, Thomas Spence)  
*Substitute motion: The College Rank and Tenure Committee will henceforth require faculty applying for promotion and/or tenure to provide three letters from external reviewers concerning the quality and reception of their scholarship. The candidate will provide a list of potential reviewers to the departmental chair. The chair will solicit letters on behalf of the candidate. For the purposes of the CRTC, "external" will be defined as experts in the applicant's field of study outside Loyola. In the interests of impartiality, reviewers should be required to identify any relationship they may have with the applicant.*
- 2) PLUS AND MINUS GRADES (David Moore)  
*Vote on substitute motion of January 17, 2008 (David Moore and Mark Fernandez):  
"In 2002, the overwhelming majority of the faculty of all the undergraduate colleges voted to award + and – grades. Those votes have never been acted on. Therefore, HuNS requests that the Provost's Office implement the system."  
[See attached 2002 actions: mail ballot and results.]*

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Move to Adjourn**

*Attachments: 3 pp.*

**Date:** November 22, 2002  
**To:** Faculty  
College of Arts and Sciences  
**From:** College Elections Committee  
**Subject:** Mail Ballot  
Recommendations for Implementation of Plus-Minus Grades

At the Assembly of the College of Arts and Sciences on November 21, 2002 a motion was made to implement the following recommendation:

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PLUS-MINUS GRADES**

1. Academic work earning a grade of C<sup>-</sup> at other universities will **not** be accepted for transfer credit at Loyola because it falls below the requirement of C or above.
2. Several majors (e.g., accounting and communications) require a grade of C or better in introductory courses in order to progress in the major. A grade of C<sup>-</sup> will **not** be accepted as satisfactory to meet the requirement in these cases.
3. To graduate with distinction, students will be required to achieve the same grade point averages as they currently are, i.e., 3.5 for *cum laude*, 3.7 *magna cum laude*, and 3.9 *summa cum laude*. Plus-Minus grades do not affect any other graduation requirements.
4. Plus and minus grades will also be used in graduate courses. However, a grade of C<sup>-</sup> will not count toward graduation. Implementation of the new grading system and impact on individual programs and colleges will be determined by the respective departments and/or colleges.
5. Implementation will take place beginning Fall 2003.
6. GPA's will be calculated using the quality points for grades at the time they were assigned. Consequently, a B<sup>+</sup> awarded prior to Fall 2003 will be assigned 3.5 quality points and beginning Fall 2003 a B<sup>+</sup> will be assigned 3.3 quality points.

7. Grades will adjusted to the following scales:

A	Excellent	- assigned 4.0 quality points per semester hour.
A <sup>-</sup>	Very good	- assigned 3.7 quality points per semester hour.
B <sup>+</sup>	Good	- assigned 3.3 quality points per semester hour.
B	Good	- assigned 3.0 quality points per semester hour.
B <sup>-</sup>	Good	- assigned 2.7 quality points per semester hour.
C <sup>+</sup>	Above Average	- assigned 2.3 quality points per semester hour.
C	Average	- assigned 2.0 quality points per semester hour.
C <sup>-</sup>	Below Average	- assigned 1.7 quality points per semester hour. Does not fulfill continuance requirements in some programs.
D <sup>+</sup>	Minimally Passing	- assigned 1.3 quality points per semester hour.
D	Minimally Passing	- assigned 1.0 quality points per semester hour.
D <sup>-</sup>	Minimally Passing	- assigned 0.7 quality points per semester hour.
F	Failure or Failure to Withdraw.	No quality points are assigned.

**Other Recommendations:**

1. Dissemination of information associated with these changes will be as broad as possible.
2. Notations will be placed on the transcripts of at least three 4-year cohorts noting the change in the grading system.
3. The policy will appear in the next published *Bulletin* and immediately in the on-line *Bulletin*.



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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, OFFICE OF THE DEAN

TO: Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences  
FROM: College Elections Committee  
DATE: December 6, 2002  
RE: Result of Mail Ballot  
**Recommendations for Implementation of  
Plus-Minus Grades**

YES	61
NO	17