

## MINUTES

### ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

February 17, 1995

**Present:** Brothers, Funk, Hoover, Hugenberg (chair), Morrison, Schuster

**Absent:** Anderson, Tingley, Wess (student)

**Excused:** Krishnan, Kudav

There was discussion of the results of the faculty survey on Plus\Minus grading. There is support to advance a recommendation to adopt a 12-point Plus/Minus Grading system (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F) to the Academic Senate. This grading system would fit into our current 4.0 system (A=4.0, A-=3.7, B+ =3.3, B=3.0, B-=2.7, C+ =2.3, C=2.0, C-=1.7, D+ =1.3, D=1.0, D-=0.7, F=0). Hoover will circulate information explaining the impact of changing to a +\ grading system on grade inflation/deflation. Hugenberg will talk with Scanlon, Yiannaki, and Student Government. Morrison suggested we examine the timing of when a +\ grading system would go into effect, if adopted. No final decision has been made regarding the specifics of this recommendation.

Additional items of business:

1. Kudav's report on the policy of undergraduate student workload at state universities in Ohio [see attached].
2. The Report of the Ad Hoc Committee for Experiential Learning - Report to the Academic Senate (see attached). There was concern that this report went directly to the Senate -- instead of to the Academic Standards Committee which suggested the creation of the committee a last year.
3. Credit/No Credit Grading Policy. A concern is the policy in summer; especially as it relates to the 3 course foreign language sequence in the summer. Hugenberg will get more information from Yiannaki. Request came from Senate Executive Committee.
4. High School Deficiencies & Honors. The requirement for fine arts is an issue. Brothers will try to have Genevra Mann come to our next meeting to explain. Request came from Senate Executive Committee.
5. Standardization of the policy on minors. Senate Executive Committee wants us to revisit this policy; perhaps with an eye to seek departmental identification of recommended minor(s) in their department.
6. Credit by Exam. The Senate Executive Committee wants us to reexamine YSU's policy applying to credit by exam.

Some additional clarification of these items will be sought from Hugh Earnhart, Chair, Academic Senate.