

Governing Council Resolution

WHEREAS final course grades are intended to reflect each student's achievement in meeting course learning outcomes, and

WHEREAS the use of simple A, B, C... grades is an impediment to finer-grained evaluation of student achievement and may inaccurately reflect true student performance, and

WHEREAS there exists no legal prohibition on using "+" and "-" qualifiers on letter grades, except for that on the grade "C-", therefore be it

RESOLVED that the College of San Mateo Academic Senate Governing Council propose the use of the following grades as final course grades: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D+, D, D-, and F, and finally be it further

RESOLVED that this proposal be carried by the CSM Academic Senate President to the District Academic Senate for submission to the district Board of Trustees.

Memo **Date:** 101306

To: Skyline College Academic Senate
From: Nick Kapp District Academic Senate Skyline College Academic Senate Past President
Subject: Reports on +/- grading history, DAS

Dear Members of the Skyline College Academic Senate Governing Council, I was asked during the last meeting to research the +/- grading history. It seems that CSM passed a resolution in September 1998. (I have the minutes from this meeting). It is my understanding that at the first meeting of the Skyline AS (which include all faculty) in Fall 1998, this item was voted on and passed. This item went before the District Academic senate soon afterwards and passed (I could not find the minutes for this meeting, the few people that I talked with did not remember this). A board report was prepared by Earl P. Johnson in October 1998 (board report # 98-10-2B). In this report Earl recommended that the board approve plus/minus grading in accordance with Title V Section 55758 and as recommended by the District Academic Senate.

The next information that I have is from the end of the year report dated May 11, 1999. It was stated that board report # 98-10-2B was withdrawn at the request of Canada College. The reasoning being that the vote for plus/minus grading was taken 2 years previously and no record was available. Also no record of the vote at Skyline College was recorded as well. It was also unclear if the students had an opportunity to make comments on this as well.

DAS

At the last District Academic Senate, we discussed the class size resolution as amended by Canada. The resolution calls for activity from each campus curriculum committees. The DAS president was asked to write out a recommendation of what AS wants the CC to do. The resolution was also taken back to the individual senates for further discussion.

The DAS also is starting to ask if there is any interest in a compressed academic calendar. (Starting after Labor Day). We will start discussions with the AFT, administrations and others.

Thank you for your consideration

Nick Kapp