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Question:

Has Georgia Southern within the last two years in any forum discussed changing the current grade scale to one that incorporates plus and minus grades?

Rationale:

In 2006 the University of Georgia changed their grading scale to include plus and minus grades:

A 4.0

A- 3.7

B+ 3.3

B 3.0

B- 2.7

C+ 2.3

C 2.0

C- 1.7 (does NOT satisfy any demand for a C requirement)

D 1.0

F 0.0

In previous years when this topic arose on our campus, we were told that the grading scale is a University System decision. Apparently not. Has Georgia Southern considered this matter in light of the UGA change? Is this something that our Senate Academic Standards Committee might want to consider? I am not advocating any

change. I am interested in the topic as an academic discussion considering the current system, UGA's system, or other permutations.

Senate Response:

Minutes of October 29, 2007: Minutes of October 29, 2007: We had one RFI. And this was about the +/- grading system, and Michael Moore explored this, and will explain what he found out.

Michael Moore (COE): explained that in the summer of 2006, the University of Georgia and Georgia State began a pilot program and they are now using +/- grades — 4.0, 3.7, 3.3. It is a 3-year pilot program and this will be the second year. We don't know whether or not the Board is going to allow all the System's institutions to change if the pilot is successful. He suggested that the Academic Standards Committee might want to look into it.