

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND GRADING SUBCOMMITTEE

The Academic Standards and Grading Subcommittee is a Standing Subcommittee of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P). It is charged with monitoring the maintenance of academic, instructional, and grading standards appropriate to courses offered by the University.

The Subcommittee consists of:

1. Faculty: Eight to be appointed by AP&P. No more than two shall be from any one instructional school.
2. Student: One, upper division or graduate with at least one year of residence at CSUF.
3. Ex-Officio: A person designated by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In addressing its area of concern, the Subcommittee should:

1. Monitor the relationship between academic quality and instructional grading practices. Areas to be studied may include:
 - A. Course syllabi content and distribution of guidelines.
 - B. Instructional goals, objectives, practices, ethics and student performance expectations.
 - C. Grading process, objectives and standards.
 - D. Consistency in minimum objectives for all students in sections of multiple section courses.
2. Review policies and practices concerning grading standards. The review may include, but not be limited to:
 - A. Assembly, study and distribution of appropriate grade summaries and trends for various schools, departments, course categories and courses.
 - B. Examination of practices on this campus and elsewhere in the use of letter grades, credit/no credit audit grades.

3. Identify and study undesirable grading practices and possible causes. This might include determining the effect of extraneous concerns on sound grading practices; e.g. FTE pressures, student evaluation of courses and faculty, political and social movements, national trends, etc.
4. Within its area of concern, the Academic Standards and Grading Subcommittee will (a) interpret and apply existing policy, in order to recommend operational decisions to the VPAA; and (b) the Subcommittee will also be responsible for initiating the formulation of new policy for substantive review by AP&P. AP&P may on occasion request the Subcommittee to prepare policy on specific topics for review by AP&P.

The Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P) is the final policy-recommending committee for the Academic Senate, but any alterations by AP&P to policy recommendations coming from the Subcommittee will normally take place only after appropriate consultation by AP&P with the Subcommittee. Appropriate consultation here means that in the event AP&P wishes to alter policy recommendations coming from the Subcommittee, AP&P or its assigned representatives will meet with the Subcommittee to present AP&P's proposed changes and to hear the Subcommittee's views on those proposals. AP&P will then reconvene to reconsider its proposed changes in light of the Subcommittee's views before AP&P forwards its final recommendation to the Academic Senate.