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Members Present: J. Prince (Chair), M. Coles, A. Heaney, S. Lam,
D. Nef, T. Friedland (student).

Members Absent: S. Geringer (excused), J. Sharma (excused),
V. Torres.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Prince at 3:07 p.m. in Science II #301.

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of 3/12/08.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

None.

3. Grading in Activity Courses.

No one present had the sense that there was a large problem with having activity courses graded. Discussion ensued about what the potential problems would be, but we need additional information. D. Nef will try to get a list of all activity classes, what their grade options are, and how many students are taking large numbers of these courses. We will also investigate whether activity courses are graded at other CSU campuses. This information will be obtained during the summer, so we will not be able to report back on it until Fall 2008. Chair Prince will send a memo to Academic Policy & Planning (AP&P).

4. Grading System Proposal (+/- grading).

The committee discussed the implications of +/- grading. The sense of the committee was that the additional gradations allowed by +/- would be good, but that reporting it as a % as Dr. Henson suggested would be too cumbersome. For our information, and perhaps to bolster our case with AP&P, D. Nef will check the other CSU campuses to see if they have +/- grading (our latest info on this is now 10 years old!).

MSC to approve a +/- grading system with grades and corresponding grade point scores as shown below, and to authorize Chair Prince to prepare a memo for forwarding to AP&P:

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 = 0.0

5. Student Grade Grievance Petitions.

Tabled due to S. Geringer's illness.

6. New Business.

M. Coles asked what progress had been made in the Honor Code campaign. Chair J. Prince and D. Nef answered. During discussions, it was discovered that none of the faculty present at the committee meeting had received the email from M. Botwin, Chair - Academic Senate, asking them to fill out the academic integrity survey.

MSC to adjourn at 3:50 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Standards & Grading Subcommittee will be announced, but it will not take place until Fall 2008. An agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.