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**S10-2, Policy Recommendation, Removal of Mandated ABC/NC
grading for English 1A and 1B**

Legislative History: Amends S99-6, S95-5 Section F, and F88-6

At its meeting of March 15, 2010, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Gleixner for the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

Action by University President: Approved by President Jon Whitmore

Date: April 5, 2010

**Policy Recommendation
Removal of Mandated ABC/NC grading for English 1A and 1B**

- Whereas University Policies S99-6, S95-5 Section F, and F88-6 mandate ABC/NC grading for English 1A and 1B; and
- Whereas By policy, no other GE courses have mandated ABC/NC grading, except for 100W courses; and
- Whereas The English Department Curriculum Committee, the Humanities and the Arts (H&A) Curriculum Committee, the Writing Requirements Committee (WRC), and Board of General Studies (BOGS) have all unanimously approved full letter grading (A-F); and
- Whereas The removal of the NC grade will allow a D or F on the transcript which should motivate students to work harder and reduce the number of students who repeat these composition courses; and
- Whereas A "C" or better is required to pass all Basic Skills GE, including English 1A (Area A2) and a "D-" or better is sufficient to pass all other GE courses; be it therefore
- Resolved University Policies S99-6, S95-5 Section F, and F88-6 be amended to remove references to mandated ABC/NC grading for English 1A and 1B.

Approved: 3/1/10

Vote: 12-0-2

Present: Eric Armendariz, Megan Baker, Stephen Branz (non-voting), Karin Brown, Bill Campsey, Victor Culatta, Stacy Gleixner, Mo Han, Rich Kelley, Elizabeth McGee, Lizzie Orr, Wiggys Siversten, Marian Sofish, Kevin Starks, Eloise Stiglitz

Absent: Caroline Fee, Terry Pollack

Workload Impact: Possible reduced faculty workload due to smaller class sizes if the number of students repeating the class is reduced

Financial Impact: Not significant