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MEMORANDUM

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I approve.  
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To: Edward T. Foote II, President

From: ~~Steven Green~~  
Chair, Faculty Senate

Date: 3 May 2001

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2000-24(B)-Amendment to letter grade definitions

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The Faculty Senate, at its 2 May 2001 meeting, voted to approve changing the University of Miami definitions of letter grades. We did so in light of a report from our Academic Standards Committee on current grading practices that makes it clear a grade of C is not "average." We also examined the definitions of letter grades at a number of other universities and found our current definitions to be unusual.

This legislation changes the grade definitions to:

- A-Excellent
- B-Good
- C-Fair
- D-Poor
- F-Failure

It replaces the current grade definitions of:

- A-Superior
- B-Above Average
- C-Average
- D-Below Average
- F-Failure

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action, including, but not limited to, modifying our Bulletins, websites, and other informational items as appropriate should you approve.

SG/kl

- cc:
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  - ✓ Patricia Whitely, Vice President of the Division of Student Affairs
  - ✓ Scott Ingold, Associate Dean of Enrollments and Registrar
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RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT: Approve DATE: 3/8/01

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Provost

APPROVED: [Signature]

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): \_\_\_\_\_