

# Senate Studies New Grading Policy

A vote by the College Senate on a proposed new grading policy has been temporarily delayed in order that faculty members have time to study the proposal.

The Senate is scheduled to meet Wednesday, March 12 and decide to accept or reject the new policy.

According to Dean Jerolyn Minter, Chairperson of the Academic Standing Committee, the new grading format would be as follows:

- A = 90% -100%
- B = 80% -89%
- C = 70% -79%
- D = Lowest Passing Grade
- NC =No Credit (Withdrawal)
- INC = Incomplete
- Y = Two Quarter Course which must be continued to completion
- CR = Exempted (Credit Earned)
- TCR = Transfer Credit
- @ = Waiver of Requirement
- Z = No Grade Submitted by Instructor

According to Dean Minter, the numerical equivalents to the letter grades are as defined by the CUNY Council of Registrars and officers of Admissions and approved by the Board of Higher Education.

Dean Minter said that no numerical equivalent has been designated for the "D" grade. This was done deliberately, she said, to allow colleges to set their own limits.

She added that the new NC grade also represents a withdrawal after the official deadline date for dropping courses. An NC grade can be converted to a passing grade by taking the course over and successfully completing it, according to Dean Minter. The original NC grade would not then appear on subsequent transcripts, only the newer passing grade.

The D grade (lowest passing grade) is recognized as a passing grade, she said, and therefore a student receiving a D grade will be allowed to go on to all subsequent courses in a particular field of study.

Other recommendations to the College Senate by the Academic Standing Committee are:

- \* that the College should not institute a G.P.A. (indices) since the College has a retention policy which negates the necessity for a G.P.A.;
- \*that a student may not register for a course when the prerequisite course has not been completed. If a student has pre-registered for such a course and then receives an INC, he must then drop the higher level course. Only under exceptional circumstances, would a student be exempted from this rule.