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S11-5, Policy Recommendation, ABC/NC Grading

**Legislative History: Amends S10-2, S09-7, and S99-6,
S95-5 Section F**

At its meeting of May 9, 2011, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Heiden for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

**Action by University President: Approved by President
Don Kassing on May 18, 2011**

**Policy Recommendation
ABC/NC Grading**

Whereas, University Policy S10-2 removed Mandated ABC/NC grading for English 1A and 1B; and

Whereas, The rationale in S10-2 was that 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, The rationale for replacement of ABC/NC grading with full letter grading should also apply to 100W courses, a position endorsed unanimously by both the Writing Requirements Committee and the Board of General Studies; therefore be it

Resolved, That the ABC/NC grading be replaced by full letter grading (A-F) for all 100W courses, retaining the need for all such courses to be passed with a C or better (C– not accepted) when satisfying the CSU Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement; and be it further

Resolved, That University Policies S10-2, S09-7, S99-6, and S95-5 Section F be amended to remove references to mandated ABC/NC grading for 100W courses.

Approved by C&R: April 4, 2011 (10-0-0)

Present: Peter Buzanski, Toni Campbell, Marc D'Alarcao, Winncy Du, Lynda Heiden (Chair), Dennis Jaehne, Annette Nellen, Lori Salazar, Wynn Schultz-Krohn, Pam Stacks

Absent: Peggy Cabrera, Dominique van Hooff

Financial Impact: Possible savings associated with fewer repeats of 100W courses

Workload Impact: No significant impact is anticipated

Recommendation of the Board of General Studies (4-0-0, November 4, 2010)

Approved by C&R with revisions May 4, 2011 (10-0-0)