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TO: Deans, Directors, and Department Chairs

FROM: Joseph Glover, Provost

SUBJECT: Minus Grades

In accordance with the Faculty Senate resolution of December 14, 2006, the University of Florida's grading scale will be changed effective with the Summer 2009 term to include minus grades. The decision was made in order to provide faculty with more options for assigning grades.

This comparative chart depicts the changes to the official grading scale:
Current Grading Scale New Grading Scale

A	=	4.0	A	=	4.0
			A-	=	3.67
B+	=	3.5	B+	=	3.33
B	=	3.0	B	=	3.0
			B-	=	2.67
C+	=	2.5	C+	=	2.33
C	=	2.0	C	=	2.0
			C-	=	1.67
D+	=	1.5	D+	=	1.33
D	=	1.0	D	=	1.0
			D-	=	0.67
E	=	0.0	E	=	0.0
E0	=	0.0	Never attended or participated		
E1	=	0.0	Stopped attending or participating prior to the end of class		
I	=	0.0	Incomplete		

Please review all of the relevant issues within your programs and take appropriate steps to ensure a smooth transition. Some common issues requiring action include:

- * Amending Summer 2009 syllabi to reflect the addition of minus grades by March 2009 (Advanced Registration for Summer)
- * Reviewing course prerequisite parameters
- * Reviewing college specific guidelines for academic monitoring (probation, holds, tracking)
- * Reviewing Dean's List requirements
- * Reviewing Honors GPA requirements for graduation
- * Assessing SASS audit implications
- * Updating catalog and web site displays to reflect any changes relative to minus grade implementation.

To assist in your planning, a list of frequently asked questions regarding minus grade implementation may be found on the UF Registrar Services web site at <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu>. For additional questions, please refer to <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/contacts.html> or call 392-1374 ext. 7237.