

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

POLICY STATEMENT

NUMBER: 77-23

FILE: Grading

SUBJECT: New Grade Definitions

The following policy statement, recommended by the Academic Senate at its meeting of May 19, 1977, and approved by the President on June 2, 1977, is as follows:

- A - Performance of the student has been of the highest level, showing sustained excellence in meeting all course responsibilities and exhibiting an unusual degree of intellectual initiative.
- B - Performance of the student has been at a high level, showing consistent and effective response in meeting course responsibilities.
- C - Performance of the student has been at an adequate level, showing understanding of the basic requirements of the course content.
- D - Performance of the student has been less than adequate, showing inconsistency in meeting the course requirements and minimal mastery of the basic requirements of the course content.
- F - Performance of the student has been such that course requirements have not been met.

Rationale: There has been considerable dissatisfaction with the definition of grades used since the founding of the University (A, excellent; B, above average; C, average; D, below average; F, failing), since these definitions do not correspond to current practice and do not appear to refer to individual student performance.

This Policy Statement supersedes all other local grading definitions.

Effective: Immediately

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