

# RESOLUTION ON CHANGES IN GRADING POLICY

**Whereas the University has been changing course grades without notifying the instructor of record and, thus, without the consent of the instructor,**

**Whereas this change in grading policy was initiated without the knowledge of the Faculty Senate,**

**Whereas faculty determination of course grades is a fundamental right of the faculty as stated in the Faculty Handbook,**

**Whereas grading policy is a fundamental part of the educational policy of the University,**

**Whereas all changes in educational policy must come before the Faculty Senate before they are instituted by the University,**

**Resolved, that the University suspend the policy of changing course grades without the consent of the instructor until the Faculty Senate has been consulted and has approved any changes in the grading policy.**

# JUSTIFICATION FOR THE RESOLUTION

- **Like all changes involving the educational practices of the University, any policy that permits grade changes without the consent of the instructor must be discussed in and approved by the Faculty Senate.**
- **The administrative protocols allowing for changes in grades were instituted in secret and evidently continue to be in operation.**
- **Dean Van Loan said in his synopsis relaying the outcome of voting in May, “this is the best we can do at this time.” However, it is not the best we can do now in October.**
- **By suspending the protocols, we wish to (a) compel the University to describe the new grading policy in order to (b) permit the Faculty Senate to deliberate and vote on the design of that policy.**

## PRESIDENT POLLACK'S EMAIL REPLY

- Thanks for your message. Regarding the resolution on grade change protocols passed by the Faculty Senate last spring, if you think the content of the resolution or the way it was presented was flawed, then you should act on your concerns through the Senate.  
(President Pollack)