

**Graduate Council Resolution in support of
Plus/Minus grading for graduate students**

Whereas the Graduate Council passed a resolution more than 10 years ago in support of plus/minus grading for graduate students, only to find that the software for grade recording could not at that time support it; and

Whereas the Banner software now being used is capable of recording plus and minus grades; and

Whereas for Fall 2013 semester SIUC graduate students received 61% A's, 16% B's 3% C's and 20% other grades (AU, D, DEF, F, INC NR, P, S, U W WU); and

Whereas the current grading distribution provides instructors only two choices: A and B for indicating the course performance of graduate students achieving at satisfactory level, and provides undetailed feedback to graduate students on their course performance; and

Whereas instructors not wishing to use plus and minus grades would not be required to use them.

Therefore, be it resolved that the SIU Graduate School adopt a policy of allowing plus and minus grades for graduate students using the following GPA equivalence: A+ 4.0; A 4.00; A- 3.67; B+ 3.33; B 3.00; B- 2.67; C+ 2.33; C 2.00; C- 1.67; D+ 1.33; D 1.00; F 0.00.