

**MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE
FEBRUARY 19, 1998**

**RESOLUTION: SP98-B
PLUS AND MINUS GRADING**

- Proposed by:** Terry Lyle
- WHEREAS,** the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) system has currently given faculty the option of establishing a plus and minus grading system in their university; and
- WHEREAS,** the Academic Senate for CCC has passed a resolution supporting the plus and minus grading option at the Community College Level and has developed a specific proposal for the adoption of this option; and
- WHEREAS.** The current four-point system often does not allow sufficient leeway to properly discriminate student performance; oftentimes, it will award the same number of grade points to students with significant divergence (i.e. 81% and 89% both receive a "B") in performance, yet award different grade points to students with small differences in performance (89% = "B" but 91% = "A"); and
- WHEREAS,** the current whole grade system often blunts motivation for studying for finals when the grade is more often already assured regardless of the effort on the final;
- THEREFORE,** be it resolved that Modesto Junior College Academic Senate supports the Academic Senate for CCC plan to amend Title V to allow for the adoption of a plus and minus option to be added to the section on Title 5 on grading and grading symbols; and
- THEREFORE:** be it further resolved that a committee be formed of students, faculty and administration to decide whether MJC should adopt the plus and minus grading option should Title V be amended to allow for this option.
- First Reading:** February 26, 1998
- Final Action:** March 12, 1998
- Disposition:** Carried
Committee formed February, 1999