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Ralph Putnam, Chair
University Committee on Academic Policy
CEPSE
509C Erickson Hall

Dear Ralph:

It has come to my attention that a memorandum and request from the University Committee on Academic Policy to the Office of the Provost, which recommended a change in the grading policy has gone unanswered. Specifically, UCAP recommended a change that would allow the use of a grade marker (AD) on the transcript that would denote failure of a class due to academic dishonesty.

University Bylaw 4.4.3 grants the Committee on Academic Policy the faculty's delegated authority on grading policy for undergraduate students. Since I understand the grade marker was also intended for use in graduate level courses, I would need a separate recommendation from the University Graduate Council.

Additionally, I would like your thinking on the permanence of this marker on the transcript. I understand that there was some discussion on whether or not this marker was to remain as a permanent part of the academic record, or if there might be circumstances under which this would or could be removed.

I would appreciate the information requested as part of my deliberation of this request.

Sincerely,

Kim A. Wilcox
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

c: University Graduate Council Chair Glenda Lappan
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