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Submitted by Steven Ackerman: Year End Report of the Academic Affairs Committee of Faculty Council: Steven Ackerman, Chair; Susan Haussler, Varda Konstam, Anna Madison, Peng Xu, Winston Langley.

The Faculty Council Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) met twice during the academic year and summer and had the following items passed by the Faculty Council. The official meetings were supplemented by numerous email exchanges about topics and wordings of motions. The motions that were approved by both the AAC and by Faculty Council are as follows:

1. December and June candidates were approved for graduation by Faculty Council.
2. A motion from the Director of Undergraduate Education via the Faculty Council Academic Affairs Committee was approved. The motion was to revise the regulations for academic standing: To the new version of *Regulations Governing Academic Standing*, as approved by Faculty Council 5 March 2007, a new category called “Extended Probation” should be added to the existing categories “Academic Alert”, “Academic Warning”, and “Academic Probation”.
3. A motion from the Director of the Honors Program via the Faculty Council Academic Affairs Committee was approved. The motion was to recognize the University Honors Program as a Program of Study.
4. A motion from the Faculty Council Academic Affairs Committee to Faculty Council regarding grade point equivalents was approved. The AAC of Faculty Council requested that the University of Massachusetts Boston campus adjust its' letter grade numerical equivalents, which are presently non-linear, to a linear equivalency. The adjusted grade point equivalents went from

Present	To	Approved
A = 4.00		A = 4.00
A- = 3.75		A- = 3.70
B+ = 3.25		B+ = 3.3
B = 3.00		B = 3.00
B- = 2.75		B- = 2.70
C+ = 2.25		C+ = 2.3
C = 2.00		C = 2.00
C- = 1.75		C- = 1.70
D+ = 1.25		D+ = 1.3

D = 1.00 D = 1.00
D- = 0.75 D- = 0.7

5. A motion from the Director, Undergraduate Gerontology Programs via the Faculty Council Academic Affairs Committee was approved. At the suggestion of the Registrar to include a more meaningful name on the students' official transcript of the free standing certificate awarded to advanced work in gerontology, the Director of the Gerontology Programs requested the following:

The current listing of advanced work is noted as "Advanced Certificate." There are actually two free-standing certificates beyond the Manning Certificate. The "Certificate in Gerontological Social Policy" and the "Certificate in Gerontological Practice." The later certificate was approved the CPCS Curriculum Council in Fall 2000.

The Certificate in Gerontological Social Policy is comprised of the following four competencies:

1. GERON 411 Understanding Gerontological Social Policy
2. GERON 420 History of a Social Policy in Aging
3. GERON 430 Working on a Gerontological Social Issue
4. CORCOM 350 Influencing Policy-Making

The Certificate in Gerontological Practice is comprised of four of the following six competencies:

1. HUMSER 425 Models and Strategies of Case Management in Human Services & Aging
2. HUMSER 345 Professional Responsibility & Ethics in Human Services & Aging
3. CORCOM 330 Critical Practice
4. GERON 430 Working on a Gerontological Social Issue
5. CORCOM 350 Influencing Policy-Making
6. CORCOM 371 Critical Readings