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To: The Faculty Senate
From: The Academic Affairs Subcommittee
Regarding: The Plus/Minus Referendum

The Academic Affairs Subcommittee recommends to the Faculty Senate the following proposals:

PROPOSAL I - A Ballot for the Referendum

Effective at the beginning of the Fall Semester of 1999, the University of Alabama will use the grading system for undergraduate students determined by the following faculty referendum:

FACULTY REFERENDUM ON THE UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SYSTEM

1) I vote to: (check one)

----- keep the current plus/minus system;

(A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F)
4.0	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	0.67	0

----- change the current plus/minus system.

2) Regardless of how you voted above, if the faculty votes to change the plus/minus system, which of the following do you prefer:

(check one)

----- Keep the current plus/minus system almost as it is except that a grade of A+ be awarded 4.33 quality points (cumulative GPAs constrained not to exceed 4.00);

(A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F)
4.33	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	.67	0

----- Change to a system of letter grades with plus grades but no minus grades;

(A	B+	B	C+	C	D+	D	F)
4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0

----- Return to the system without plus/minus.

(A	B	C	D	F)
4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0

PROPOSAL II - A schedule for the administration of the referendum and the provision for a second vote if necessary.

1) The ballot shall be distributed on February 1, 1999 and returned for counting by February 15, 1999.

2) The issue shall be decided by the majority of those who vote. If the faculty elect to change the current grading system and if one of the three choices for change does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a second vote will be taken to decide the issue between the two choices for change with the most votes.

Hard copies of these proposals will be available at the meeting for those who may not receive the attachment.