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Memo

TO Georgina Moore, University Secretary

FROM Dr. Charles Beach, Chair, Senate Committee on Academic Procedures

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SUBJECT Response to inquiry re: May 20, 2009 Senate minutes

At the September 24, 2009 Senate meeting, Senator Dixon requested an amendment to the minutes of the May 20, 2009 Senate meeting regarding his understanding of comments made by Senator Wiener, and the University Registrar's responses, on the issue of what grading scheme(s) the PeopleSoft student information system is capable of accommodating. The Chair responded that, as the exchange on May 20 had taken place between the University Registrar and Senator Wiener, and the Registrar was not present on September 24, the issue would be referred back to SCAP for clarification.

I have consulted with the University Registrar and can confirm we recall Senator Wiener's inquiry to be whether PeopleSoft could accommodate a percentage and GPA grading scheme, and that the Registrar's reply was affirmative. The system is able to accommodate one of either a percentage or letter grading scheme, along with a GPA, and the decision to move forward with a letter and GPA scheme was one based on policy and not limitations of the system.