

Motion for Senate
November 22, 2011

In May 2011, Queen's University implemented its new Official Grading System. This new system is a letter grade – GPA based system.

The May 20, 2009 Senate Committee on Academic Procedures (SCAP) Report to Senate states that "SCAP was presented with no evidence that Queen's students in any program would be disadvantaged by the singular presentation of letter grades and GPA."

On the basis of this report, Senate adopted the new Official Grading System.

However, many Queen's students in various programs have been disadvantaged by the singular presentation of letter grades and GPA.

The new Official Grading System has been applied retroactively to the academic records of existing students with no provision for phasing in the new system, or for ensuring that existing students would not be disadvantaged.

Therefore, I move:

That Senate ask the Senate Committee on Academic Procedures (SCAP) to require all Faculties and Schools to report to SCAP about the provisions they have implemented concerning grading practices and to confirm that the necessary corrective action has been taken to eliminate any disadvantage; and

That SCAP report back to Senate in February with its findings.

Respectfully submitted,
Senator J. Morelli