Admissions & Academic Policy Committee
Proposal

Proposed Change: Change the grade scale statement in the catalog to delete mention of aptitude and ability; and simplify the presentation in the catalog.

Submitted: January 24, 2011

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Rationale: Grades are given as a result of performance not a result of aptitude and ability. The policy should reflect that.

CURRENT POLICY:

The grading system at NKU is based on the following descriptions:

- A represents exceptionally high achievement as a result of aptitude, effort, and intellectual initiative.
- B represents high achievement as a result of ability and effort.
- C represents average achievement, the minimum expected of a college student.
- D represents the minimum passing grade except for courses taken on a pass/fail basis. The grade of D may not be awarded in graduate courses.
- F indicates failure in a course. Credit in a course where an F was earned can be obtained only by repeating the course successfully.

PROPOSED POLICY:

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Approval Documentation

Policy (Attached): Grade Explanation.

This proposal will reflect that grades are given as a result of performance, not a result of aptitude and ability.

Date of Committee Approval: January 26, 2011

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