At the March 17, 2003, meeting of the Faculty Senate, the following policy on grade exclusion was adopted to replace the existing policy of using all grades made in all courses taken at Texas A&M, except those taken pass/fail, to calculate the student’s overall GPR:

1. **The Q-drop policy is to be maintained in its current form.**

2. **Texas A&M University should institute a "grade exclusion" policy for the Grade-Point-Ratio (GPR) Calculation that permits the exclusion of "D" and "F" grades subject to the following constraints:**
   a. The policy would allow undergraduate students who have earned a grade of "D" or "F" in up to 3 courses to exclude these courses from their GPR calculation. The request to exclude a course grade from the GPR calculation must be made through the student’s academic advisor by the 15th class day of the next semester (or summer session) in which the student is enrolled at Texas A&M University.
   b. Any grade excluded from the GPR calculation will remain on the student’s permanent record.
   c. Any course for which the grade has been excluded from the GPR calculation can not be used to satisfy a degree requirement unless the course is repeated for a grade. Once a course has been excluded from the GPR calculation, the student can not subsequently request that the exclusion be removed.

Dean Weichold asked President Gates to defer signing the legislation until implementation of the policy could be worked out. An Implementation Task Force composed of Dean Weichold and representatives from the Academic Affairs Committee, the Academic Operations Committee, and Student Senate discussed implementing the policy as passed in March 2003 and identified several serious problems including an increased burden on academic advisors, difficulty in determining the probationary status of students, and unfairness to students who do well in their courses. A joint committee from AAC, AOC and Student Senate recommended, as an alternative, implementation of a grade replacement policy that would use only the latest grade in a repeated course, for a limited number of courses, to calculate the GPR. During deliberations at recent AAC meetings, the majority of members felt that a grade replacement policy was too restrictive because it would not benefit the significant number of students who do poorly in classes because of poor initial choice of major and who change their major to one that doesn’t require those classes. At the AAC meeting on April 19, 2004, AAC approved the following recommendation:

**Rescind the policy adopted at the March 2003 Faculty Senate meeting and replace it with the following:**

A student may elect to have grades of “D” or “F” in up to three courses excluded from his/her overall GPR calculation, but all grades will remain on the student’s transcript. Any course for which the grade has been excluded from the GPR calculation can not be used to satisfy a degree requirement unless the course is repeated for a grade. Once a course has been excluded from the GPR calculation, the student can not subsequently request that the exclusion be removed.