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Members Present: J. Prince (Chair), S. Geringer, S. Lam, J. Sharma.

Members Absent: M. Coles (excused), A. Heaney (excused),  
D. Nef (excused), B. Ramsdale, V. Torres (excused),  
T. Friedland (student)(excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Prince at 1:07 p.m. in the University Center # 203.

1. Minutes: Postponed until the next meeting.
2. Agenda: Postponed until the next meeting. The Agenda was amended to add item #7 Student Grade Grievance Petitions.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Brief update on Honor Code issues by Chair Prince took place.

Prince requested that the next meeting take place during the week of 4/1 - 4/4/08 and will send an email out asking members for their schedules.

4. Honor Code Survey.

A faculty survey on academic integrity issues being put together by the Honor Code Committee was extensively discussed. The draft survey presented was greatly improved by input from our committee. The survey will be revised as suggested and presented to Honor Code Committee at its next meeting.

5. Grading System Proposal (+/- grading) - James Henson.

The issue of having +/- grading at CSU Fresno was discussed. The issue was resurrected by James Henson in the Craig School and sent to us for consideration by Academic Policy & Planning Committee (AP&P). Chair Prince supplied archival information from the last try at instituting +/- grading, when our committee and AP&P supported it, but it was voted down in the Senate. Members present were all in favor of having +/- grading in some form and authorized Chair Prince to work on a draft memo to that effect for discussion at the next

meeting. Members were encouraged to read the retrospective information provided as well as Dr. Henson's memo before next meeting to get more context on the issues of concern.

6. Grading for Activity Courses.

Starting a discussion of grading in activity courses was tabled until next time due to M. Coles not being able to make this meeting.

7. Student Grade Grievance Petitions.

S. Geringer led a lively discussion on student grade grievance petitions. The main issue raised was whether or not a student lying on a grade grievance petition is also cheating! S. Geringer referred us to p. 504 of the 07-08 course catalog for the definition of cheating. The sense of the committee is that, indeed, lying on a petition would be cheating. S. Geringer will work on a draft memo to AP&P for presentation to our committee at the next meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 1:55 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Standards & Grading Subcommittee will be announced. An agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.