

**To:** Cornelio Rodriguez  
Academic Senate President

**From:** Greg Chamberlain  
President

**CC:** Nan Gomez-Heltzeberg  
Executive Vice-President, Academic Affairs and Student Services

**Date:** October 17, 2011

**Re:** Senate Resolution Regarding Student Grade Change

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I have reviewed the Senate Resolution referred to above. I have also researched the issue and reviewed the events with the Executive Vice President.

The situation was complex and the circumstances were atypical. Decisions were made along the way that might not be made again the same way. I did not find the outcome to be satisfactory. However, I am leaving the grade as it is currently recorded.

I have discussed this situation at length with the Executive Vice President. The discussions included the delays in response time, interpretation of language, and the critical need for a way to ensure that this does not happen again.

In order to reduce the possibility of a reoccurrence like this in the future, I propose establishing a group that would consist primarily of faculty appointed by the Academic Senate to evaluate situations such as this that do not fit patterns or conditions. The charge of the group would be to complete a review of complaints and supporting documents and then make recommendations for action. With a group in place, faculty could be assured of a process that supports faculty primacy with regard to the implementation of academic policies. I understand that Cerro Coso Community College and other colleges have a group such as this.

I would welcome the opportunity to work with you to implement this.