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MEMORANDUM

Subject: **New Grading Policy**

Date: 17 November 2014

To: Deans, Full-time Faculty & Staff

From: Academic Director

This is to inform you that the grading system at CEPT University has been changed with effect from July 2014.

The existing grading system at CEPT can be described as an absolute system – where the marks obtained by a student correspond to a specific grade and grade point. Such an absolute system is susceptible to inconsistencies/ variations due to multiple reasons. Further, a study done by a CEPT faculty member revealed that majority of our well performing students graduate with a GPA of around 2.5 on a 4-point scale. This is considered average or below-average in many universities in India and abroad. This affects their chances of pursuing further studies in good universities.

In place of the current absolute grading system, the relative grading system is introduced. In the new grading system, the performance of an individual student is graded relative to the performance of the class. This is a hybrid of relative grading and absolute systems.

The new system retains the minimum passing mark criteria at 50 and also includes an upper band - 90 marks and above, which will be awarded A+ grade. The rest, marks between 50 and 89, will be graded based on the formula explained in the Annexure.

The new system will help improve the overall grades. This is a result of improvement in the mid-point of the grade range (Refer to the Annexure) and the relative component within the new grading system.

The relative grading system was discussed at two Faculty Open House discussions. Suggestions made in these meetings were taken into account and an updated version was presented to the CEPT Executive Council. The Executive Council approved the Relative Grading Policy at their meeting on 9th September 2014.

The new grading system shall be effective from July 2014 and will be applicable to all new students who have been admitted since then.

Academic Software would take care of the necessary calculations and all Faculty administrative staff would be trained to facilitate this process.

In case of any questions / clarifications needed please contact Prof. A. Srivathsan, Academic Director – CEPT University.

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Annexure:

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Band		Band		Grade	Grade Point
Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper		
87	100	90	100	A+	4.3
83	86	Average + 1.75 x Std.Dev	89	A	4
80	82	Average + 1.08 x Std.Dev	Average + 1.74 x Std.Dev	A-	3.67
77	79	Average + 0.57 x Std.Dev	Average + 1.07 x Std.Dev	B+	3.33
73	76	Average + 0.15 x Std.Dev	Average + 0.56 x Std.Dev	B	3
70	72	Average - 0.15 x Std.Dev	Average + 0.15 x Std.Dev	B-	2.67
67	69	Average - 0.56 x Std.Dev	Average - 0.16 x Std.Dev	C+	2.33
63	66	Average - 1.07 x Std.Dev	Average - 0.57 x Std.Dev	C	2
60	62	Average - 1.75 x Std.Dev	Average - 1.08 x Std.Dev	C-	1.67
57	59	50	Average - 1.75 x Std.Dev	D+	1.33
53	56			D	1
50	52			D-	0.67
0	49	0	49	F	-

Average means average of marks of all students registered for the course as GPA course and who have obtained final marks between 50 and 89 (both inclusive).

Std. Dev. means standard deviation of the marks of all students registered for the course as GPA course and who have obtained final marks between 50 and 89 (both inclusive).