

**Sussex County Community College**

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**Area: Academic Affairs**

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## **AWARD OF MINUS GRADES**

### **PURPOSE OF POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to provide faculty with the ability to award 'A-' and 'B-' grades.

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE AWARD OF MINUS GRADES**

The Academic Affairs Division believes that minus grades be incorporated into the current College grading system. Since the inception of the College in 1982, plus grades have been accommodated, but minus grades have been excluded. The recommendation is to add the following minus grades and their respective quality point values:

**A- = 3.67**

**B- = 2.67**

The inclusion of minus grades would provide faculty with more flexibility when assigning final semester grades and would also benefit students through the assignment of more precise grades. The Registrar reports that the 'D-' grade is not widely used. Also, the 'C-' grade oftentimes does not transfer and would not meet the requirement that a student pass a prerequisite course with a 'C' or better. For these reasons, these minus grades are not being recommended.