**Clarifying Policy on Final Grade Changes**

Whereas the Academic Integrity Board (Graduate Academic Integrity Board) has the right to adjust course grades in the case of academic integrity violations, in accordance with the Academic Integrity Policy which is part of the Student Code of Conduct,

Whereas the Academic Integrity Board (Graduate Academic Integrity Board) includes faculty memberships,

Whereas the language in the Faculty Handbook (Section 5.15) may lead faculty to believe that their authority to grade their students is absolute,

Whereas clearer language in the Faculty Handbook and the Academic Integrity Policy would better delineate faculty rights and responsibilities,

Be it resolved that in the third sentence of Section 5.15 of the Faculty Handbook should be extended to read **“…**except as provided in the incomplete grade policy**, in the case of a student appeal (as in 5.16), or an academic integrity violation, in which cases final grade may be determined by the appropriate appeal body as part of sanctions (see Academic Integrity Policy.)”**

Revised Section 5.15 would appear as follows:

 **5.15 Final Grade Changes**

When a grade other than incomplete is reported officially by an instructor at the end of a term, the grade is recorded and can be changed only if an error was made in estimating or reporting it. The instructor will, with the approval of the department head, report the error in writing to the dean with a recommendation about the action to be taken. Only the instructor can change the grade in a course except as provided in the incomplete grade policy,in the case of a student appeal (as in 5.16), or an academic integrity violation, in which cases final grade may be determined by the appropriate appeal body as part of sanctions (see Academic Integrity Policy.) Any request by a student for a change in a final grade must be submitted to the instructor within thirty-five days after the end of final exams.