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Adding Plus/Minus Grading to GPA Calculation

Senator Paul Goebel moved to remove from the table the two resolutions concerning plus/minus grading. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The first resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University recommends that: The administration place into effect the use of the plus or minus grades, to appear on the student's transcripts and be incorporated in the calculation of students' grade point average, at the earliest possible time. Senator Held moved to amend the motion by adding at the end of the resolution **"subject to approval of the Student Senate."** Senator Hensley seconded the motion. The vote on the amendment was 14 in favor, 14 opposed. The presiding officer broke the tie, voting in the affirmative. Amendment passed. The amended motion passed with 16 affirmative votes and 12 opposed.

The second motion, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**: A system be followed in determining the value of each plus or minus, such that a plus or minus is equal to .33 points, resulting in the following grade values: A+ 4.33, A 4.00, A- 3.67, B+ 3.33, B 3.00, B- 2.67, C+ 2.33, C 2.00, C- 1.67, D+ 1.33, D 1.00, F 0.00. Senator DeBell moved to amend the scale with a cap on the scale of 4.0 with no addition points being allowed for an A+. Senator Held seconded the motion. Amendment passed. The amended motion passed.