



## Camosun College Grading Policy Change 2007

In May, 2006, Education Council approved a revision to our previous Grading Policy. The revised policy took effect September 2007.

This message is to provide background on the reasons for the revision, the process undertaken, the principles applied and clarity on application of the revised policy.

### **Research and consultation:**

A working group was formed in 2005 to lead a review of our grading policy. Research and consultation included the following:

- a review of grading policies across 12 BC post secondary institutions
- a review of grading policies and practices within approximately 30 UVic departments
- consultation with Camosun students, faculty, Department Chairs, EMT, EMOT, SSMT and Education Council and conferred with our admissions personnel re admission processes for transferring students

### **Principles applied in developing the revised policy:**

The working group developed and was guided by the following principles in putting forward the revised policy to EdCo for approval:

- to advantage students while maintaining academic rigor
- to set A+ = 90% as it is common across the system and would advantage high achieving students in terms of scholarships and admission to other PSE institutions
- to set C = 60%, a BCCAT recommendation
- to have cutoffs at 65%, 70% and 80% (to not disadvantage students in programs requiring better than 60% for a pass)
- to have even percentage point spreads between grades to the degree possible

The prior grading policy was revised, based on these principles, and the revised policy was approved by Education Council. However, *students who received a grade under the old policy will maintain that grade.*

This change to our grading policy benefits many students, particularly those