

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2013
TO: AAD Tenure-Related and Non-Tenure-Track Faculty
FROM: Patricia Dewey, AAD Director
RE: Welcome and New AAD Grading Policy

Dear AAD Faculty Team,

Welcome to the start of academic year 2013-2014! With everyone officially "on contract" as of September 15, this is the first of many communications from and with me this year. As you all know, many exciting program development initiatives are underway in the Arts and Administration Program. I look forward to exploring these opportunities with all of you throughout the year.

As you're preparing your syllabi for the start of fall term, there are a few vital pieces of information for you to have on hand. First, please note that **our (former) Community Arts Minor has been renamed to be now our Arts Management Minor**. Tina Rinaldi is serving as the primary academic adviser to students, and we are engaging in large-scale recruitment efforts this year to try to increase participation in the minor program.

Second, please note that we have been asked by the University of Oregon Undergraduate Council to develop a department-wide Grading Policy for our undergraduate students. This policy is currently in development and you will be receiving more information about it soon. However, effective immediately (fall term 2013), **AAD is instituting a "no A-plus grades" policy for our undergraduate courses**. This was very specifically requested by the Undergraduate Council for a number of excellent reasons. If you have awarded A-plus grades in your undergraduate courses in the past, please do not do so from now on. The highest grade possible in our undergraduate courses will be an "A" (which equates to a 4.0 grade point). If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes for a great start to the academic year!