College of Charleston students need to brace themselves for the school’s new grading policy which starts this semester. New minus grades are being added to the final grades students can receive. As Patrick Harwood reports, the change could mean lower grade point averages…

Finals grades of A-minus, B-minus, C-minus and D-minus will now be used as final grades at the college. Speaking recently to a class…communication department chair Brian McGee says the change…pushed by the faculty senate…has been in the works for several years….

SOT: Brian McGee  Runs: :28
In: the intent is to provide
Out: letter grade a B

McGee says there’s another new grade…that no student will want to get: X-F

SOT: Brian McGee  Runs: :06
In: the X-F
Out: academic dishonesty

Grade point averages could take a dip with this grading policy. College officials and certainly students too…will all be watching closely. This is Patrick Harwood reporting.

As an example of how these grade changes affect grade value….an A is still worth four-point-oh…but an A-minus is now worth three-point-six-seven. And a B-minus is worth only two-point-six-seven…on the four point grading scale.