

Dear Dean Yatrakis and Members of the Faculty,

We would like to call your attention to an issue of great importance to the student body: the prompt submission of student grades.

The necessity of timely grade submission might at first seem essential only to satisfy the curiosity of eager students who understandably want to see their assessment. However, the need for prompt grade reporting is actually much more crucial.

Indeed, students often need to submit completed transcripts to graduate schools, financial aid programs, summer internship programs, and the like. Without a completed record of grades, students must wait to submit these transcripts. The stress associated with these programs and applications is further compounded by the prospect that their late submissions might in some way compromise the decisions from these various programs.

Students greatly appreciate the time members of the faculty spend grading final papers and exams. Indeed, most students would prefer to see the faculty spend more time rather than less on their final assessment. Striking a balance, however, between the timeliness of grade submissions and the time spent on assessing a student's final work must be reached in order to avoid compromising a whole host of student concerns. To that end, on behalf of the Columbia College Student Council (CCSC), we ask that the faculty submit their grades in a timely manner for the Fall 2003 semester and all future semesters.

Sincerely,

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