Background

A new version of *ECTS Users’ Guide* was adopted on 2009-02-06 by the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Education and Culture. This document describes a new system for comparing different grading scales and entails several radical new departures. Among other things, the common ECTS grading scale (with five passing grades A-E, which in Sweden has often been complemented by two failing grades, Fx and F) has been abandoned, with the justification that the system had met with limited acceptance and was relatively little used. In its place a simplified *ECTS Grading Table* (EGT) was introduced. This means that higher-education institutions are continuing to give grades in accordance with their local grading scale(s) but are complementing the Transcript of Records / Diploma Supplement with tables of the distribution of grades per passing grade step. At a later stage this table may be compared with the grade distribution in corresponding courses at another higher-education institution. According to the *ECTS Users’ Guide* the EGT should be based on a period comprising two academic years or more.

Following investigation and circulation for comment at all Swedish institutions of higher learning, on 2009-10-20 the Association of Swedish Higher Education (SUHF) recommended its members to apply the *ECTS Grading Table* by

- compiling for each course the distribution of passing grades per each grade step from the time the course was introduced with the current course code,
- in the Transcript of Records for each completed course, in connection with information about what grading system was used, also stating the distribution of passing grades per each grade step from the time the course was introduced with the current course code up to the point when the student completed the course,
- however, in the Transcript of Records, not accounting for the grade distribution in courses for which data have not been gathered for a period of at least two years,
- implementing the system as of the beginning of the spring semester of 2011, or as of the time when system support in Ladok becomes operational.

The Ladok consortium has now reported that the necessary system support is operational and has been implemented in the University’s Uppdok system.

Judgement

The Vice-Chancellor deems it appropriate for Uppsala University to follow the SUHF recommendations entailing that the implementation of the ECTS Grading Table should be uniform at Swedish higher-education institutions.

Decision
The Vice-Chancellor decides that the ECTS Grading Table shall be implemented in accordance with the SUHF recommendations above as of the spring semester of 2011. However, students who, under provisions in their programme syllabus or course syllabus, agreements with other universities, and the like, have the right to the grades A–F in accordance with the ECTS grading scale in force prior to this decision even after the beginning of the spring semester of 2011.

Revocation of previous decisions

This decision revokes the Vice-Chancellor’s previous decisions Recommendations for Using the ECTS Grading Scale 2001-02-27 (UFV 2001/317) and The Grading System for the First and Second Cycles 2007-01-16 (UFV 2006/1473) regarding the section of the decision addressing ECTS grades.