

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, TO ADD THE D- TO THE UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SCALE AND ROUND POINT VALUES.

WHEREAS: Northern Kentucky University currently operates using the plus/minus grading system, as stated in the smart catalogue on the University website, and

WHEREAS: The current grading scale, however, is not a standard plus/minus system when compared to those of our benchmark institutions and has more than one difference from the majority of the other institutions, and

WHEREAS: The above mentioned differences are that our current grading scale does not include a D-, and

WHEREAS: We do not currently round up or down the decimal points at the end of our grade point values, and

WHEREAS: Northern Kentucky University is one of only three public institutions in the state of Kentucky that operates on a plus/minus grading scale and is the only one to not have a D- or round the decimal points on the grade point values. The other two institutions are the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky, and

WHEREAS: The majority of Northern Kentucky University's comparable institutions also operate on the same grading scale as the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, and

WHEREAS: Of the 16 benchmark institutions, one does not have a university wide grading scale and 14 operate on a plus/minus grading scale, and

WHEREAS: The D- is implemented by 8 of these 14 schools, such as West Chester University, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, and Boise State University, and

WHEREAS: The addition of a D- to the current system will allow our students who are on the border of failing class a final chance at earning some quality points, and

WHEREAS: Additionally, 9 of the 14 institutions, such as University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, University of North Florida, and Missouri State University round the decimal of grade point values. For example, an A- at Northern Kentucky University is currently a 3.667 but would be a 3.7 at the other institutions, and

WHEREAS: The aforementioned changes will allow the grading policy of Northern Kentucky University to become more uniform with the other institutions with a plus/minus grading scale.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS 22nd DAY OF FEBURARY 2016, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, DOES HEREBY REQUEST THE ADDITION OF THE D- AND ROUNDING THE DECIMAL POINTS ON GRADE POINT VALUES.

Signed: _____

Katherine M. Hahnel, President

Attest: _____

Taylor S. Gagne, Senator

