

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THAT THE FACULTY SENATE IMPLEMENT A POLICY SUPPORTING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MID-TERM GRADES FOR 100-300 LEVEL COURSES TO ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS: It is already mandated that mid-term grade reports be distributed to freshmen students, under the direction of the Office of First-Year Programs, in an effort to increase retention of said students, and

WHEREAS: The philosophy behind this policy, according to the Office of First-Year Programs, as quoted in the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Catalog, is to ensure that "feedback is provided so that students can make informed decisions about how to successfully complete the semester... [and] are encouraged to meet with their professors or advisors if they have any questions about their academic progress," and

WHEREAS: This feedback and opportunity to address concerns with professors and advisors would be of obvious assistance to upperclassmen as well, and

WHEREAS: Many of NKU's benchmark institutions, including University of Arkansas Little Rock, Indiana State University, Wichita State University, Bridgewater State University & George Mason University have policies in place that either require mid-term grade distribution to all students or to students not meeting satisfactory standards, or encourage faculty to do so, and

WHEREAS: Most of the other universities in Kentucky, such as University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State University & Transylvania University have policies in place that either require mid-term grade distribution to all students or to students not meeting satisfactory standards, and

WHEREAS: It has been seen that in programs (such as Student Support Services) which provide mid-term grades to all students, there is a marked increase in retention, as opposed to the University at large, and

WHEREAS: Blackboard already provides a tool with which faculty would be able to distribute mid-term grades without the cost & work-hours associated with the current distribution process for freshmen students' grades, and

WHEREAS: Many professors already utilize Blackboard for such purposes, and

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association made similar requests regarding mid-term grade distributions in SGA Resolutions 2007-2008.015, 2008-2009.013 & 2010-2011.007; a clear indication that this is of the utmost concern to the student body.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, on this 29th day of August 2011, the Student Government Association recommends that the Faculty Senate implement a policy encouraging the distribution of mid-term grades for 100-300 level courses to all undergraduate students of Northern Kentucky University.

Signed: 
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