**A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THAT NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENT A POLICY REQUIRING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MID-TERM GRADES TO ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.**

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, is to ensure that “students know if they are on track to meet their academic goals for the semester …[and] it gives students time, if necessary, to meet with professors/advisors to create a plan to successfully complete the semester,” and

WHEREAS: This feedback and opportunity to address concerns with professors and advisors will be of 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, and Bridgewater State 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: Other state institutions, such as University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and Murray State 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 at NKU (such as Student Support Services) which provide mid-term grades to all students, there is a marked increase in retention, as opposed to NKU at large, which has seen a decline in retention, according to the Northern Kentucky University Office of Institutional Research, from Fall 2005 (73.7%) to Fall 2010 (66.3%), and

WHEREAS: Blackboard --a tool utilized by most professors-- already provides a tool with which faculty would be able to distribute mid-term grades without the cost and work-hours associated with the current distribution process for freshmen students’ grades, 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 and 2011-2012.002; a clear indication that this is of the utmost concern to the student body.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS 26 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REQUESTS THAT NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENT A POLICY REQUIRING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MID-TERM GRADES TO ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.**

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Erik Pederson, President

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Julia Steffen, Senator

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Chandler Taylor, Senator