

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

