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Reaffirming the Importance of Mid-Semester Grades and Abolishing the Designated Mid-Semester Examination Period

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Whereas the catalog declares:

The “Academic Calendar” shows the mid-semester examination period. Faculty must report mid-semester grades in all undergraduate courses. These grade sheets are available through myLSU.

Whereas midterm grades are important not only for students to know their standing in a course, but also for counselors and other academic support staff who wish to provide timely intervention for students who are struggling (in order to improve retention), and

Whereas the academic calendar’s designated “mid-semester examination period” is voluntary,

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate reaffirms the importance of mid-semester grades (also called “midterm grades” in summer session A) for courses numbered 4999 and below, and recommends that the Office of the University Registrar inform departments and colleges of instructors’ reporting of mid-semester grades in the same way that it does for final grades.

Therefore be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends that the designated “mid-semester examination period” (also called the “mid-term examination period” in summer session A) be abolished from future academic calendars, and the mention of this period be removed from the catalog.