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STUDENT SENATE

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A RESOLUTION

TO RECOMMEND TO THE LSU FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION THAT GRADING DISTRIBUTIONS BE MADE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE VIA THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY WEBSITE.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, GRADES ARE INTENDED TO ACCURATELY REFLECT A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE WITHIN AN AREA OF STUDY, AND LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY'S POLICY ON UNDERGRADUATE GRADES (P 65 OF CURRENT COURSE CATALOG) STATES THAT "A" INDICATES DISTINGUISHED MASTERY OF COURSE MATERIAL, "B" INDICATES GOOD MASTERY, "C" INDICATES ACCEPTABLE MASTERY, "D" INDICATES MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR CREDIT, AND "F" INDICATES FAILURE, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, GRADES IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSES HAVE RISEN STEADILY AND SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE 1965, INDICATING THAT GRADE INFLATION COULD BE A PROBLEM WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, STUDENTS HAVE AN INTEREST IN VIEWING THE GRADING STANDARDS OF THE FACULTY, AND LIKEWISE THE FACULTY HAS INTEREST IN VIEWING THE GRADING STANDARDS OF THEIR COLLEAGUES, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, PUBLIC ACCESS TO GRADE DISTRIBUTION WOULD PROVIDE INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AND LIMIT ARBITRARY GRADING ASSIGNMENT, THEREBY ENCOURAGING THE FACULTY TO COME TO CONSENSUS ON FAIR TESTING OF COURSE MATERIAL, AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS TO GRADING DISTRIBUTIONS IS READILY AND INEXPENSIVELY AVAILABLE SO THAT PUBLICATION IS FEASIBLE AS EARLY AS SPRING 2003.

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE RECOMMENDS TO THE LSU A&M FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION THAT GRADING DISTRIBUTIONS BE PUBLISHED VIA LSU'S WEBSITE, AND THAT THE PROGRAM BE IMPLEMENTED IN A RESPONSIBLE AND TIMELY FASHION.

PARAGRAPH 7: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PUBLICATION SHOULD CONSIST OF GRADE DISTRIBUTIONS, INCLUDING WITHDRAWALS, OF INDIVIDUAL COURSES AND COURSE SECTIONS, INDICATING THE NAME OF THE PROFESSOR OR INSTRUCTOR WHO TAUGHT THE COURSE, AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT WIDE GRADING DISTRIBUTIONS.

APPROVED

JAY BULLER- SPEAKER

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