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Resolution 03-02-F
Plus/Minus Grading System
October 13, 2003

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to express its objection to the proposal of a plus/minus grading system.

WHEREAS: The University Senate is currently considering modifying the university-wide grading system to include plus/minus grades, and

WHEREAS: The addition of plus/minus grades to WKU grading system will have a negative impact on students, and

WHEREAS: There are several reasons to believe that the educational importance of pluses and minuses may not be significantly substantial. As evident by the fact that plus/minus grading remains a minority practice nationally as such there is no broad educational consensus on its importance, and

WHEREAS: Plus/minus grades will detract from WKU's learning environment by increasing the focus on grades rather than expertise, and

WHEREAS: WKU's current academic standards are not compatible with the plus/minus grading system, and the intervals between pluses and minuses are mathematically questionable, and

WHEREAS: The added grading could cause unforeseen problems that will confuse and discourage students, and

WHEREAS: The potential deflation of GPA's would hinder the ability of students to be competitive for scholarships, honors, admissions to graduate programs, and entrance into the workforce.

THEREFORE:

Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University expresses its opposition to the adoption of a plus/minus grading system.

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