



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNEMENT ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION 21-03

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE VSU WITHDRAWAL LIMIT POLICY

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WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Valdosta State University (VSU) Student Government

Association (SGA) to determine and state the official position of the VSU student body on relevant issues, and to ensure a fair and proper educational system for the entirety of the VSU student body;

WHEREAS, SGA recognizes the importance of a proper, fair, balanced, and updated system of course withdrawals, following the examples of peer institutions and their decisions, to discourage performance stagnation and promote student success;

WHEREAS, SGA aspires to improve, and exceed, the overall retention and completion rate of students at VSU;

WHEREAS, There is no current record of a university within the University System of Georgia

(USG) that has a similar process, and thus would be innovative and unique, which are values that Valdosta State University stands for;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 2020-2021 Student Government Association of Valdosta State University, on behalf of the student body of Valdosta State University, hereby urges an amendment to the current policy regarding course withdrawals;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the VSU SGA is making the following recommendations to the VSU Administration:

- A 10-total withdrawal limit for students, allowing for 3-course withdrawals per academic year;
- Academic advisor intervention on the 6th withdrawal to ensure students do not misuse the system and/or suffer consequences to their financial aid;
- An appeal process facilitated through the Vice President of Student Success regarding the number of withdrawals per academic year on a case-by-case basis;
- The implementation of a feature within Banner to provide flags alerting academic advisors of high-risk students that withdraw from a course, to ensure knowledge of the situation and encourage communication between the advisor and the student;
- The implementation of a feature within Banner to provide pop-ups alerting students of how many withdrawals they have left;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the VSU SGA commits to working together

with Student Success, Faculty Senate, COSA, and the VSU administration to ensure a solution that adequately satisfies the issues at hand within the current withdrawal process.

For: 29

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Primary Mover: Senator Bacon

Secondary Mover: Senator Eppes

APPROVED DENIED VETOED

Date: 3/2/2021

Melissa Welch, Student Government President