



**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLUTION 19-05**

**A RESOLUTION TO URGE CHANGE IN INSTITUTIONAL GPA CALCULATION**

**AUTHORED BY:** Senator Cassie Katen

**SPONSORED BY:** Senator Bolanle Dahunsi, Speaker Bob Greenbaum, Senator Amiah Hartman, Senator Aminata Lewis

**WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the Valdosta State University (VSU) Student Government Association (SGA) to determine and offer the official position of the VSU student body on relevant issues;

**WHEREAS,** SGA recognizes it is the role of the Faculty Senate and the Educational Policies University Committee to formulate and amend such policies as the one governing institutional grade point average (GPA) calculation;

**WHEREAS,** it has recently been made clear the current means by which VSU calculates institutional GPA as it relates to repeated courses is inconsistent with comparable institutions within the University System of Georgia (USG) such as Georgia Southern University, University of West Georgia, and Georgia State University;

**WHEREAS,** SGA believes it is in the best interest of all VSU students to formulate a new, more equitable method for calculating institutional GPA that is consistent with comparable USG institutions;

**WHEREAS,** SGA firmly believes such a change in policy will be helpful in the progression and graduation efforts of VSU and should be made before the end of the Spring 2019 semester;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the 2018-2019 Valdosta State University Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of Valdosta State University, hereby urges the Educational Policies University Committee to amend the policy governing institutional grade point average calculation to include a “repeat-to-replace” provision consistent with comparable institutions within the University System of Georgia.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the 2018-2019 Valdosta State University Student Government Association, urges the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate to act swiftly in conjunction with the Educational Policies University Committee to ensure a new policy can be enacted by fall 2019.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** the 2018-2019 Valdosta State University Student Government Association, encourages the Valdosta State University Student Body President to pursue all available avenues to ensure the timely implementation of a new, more equitable method for calculating institutional grade point average.

For: 25                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0  
Primary Mover: Senator K. Johnson                      Secondary Mover: Senator K. Patel  
**APPROVED**    **DENIED**    **VETOED**                      Date: 1.28.19

Joel Bell, Student Government President