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**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

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**RESOLUTION 20-03**

**A RESOLUTION TO URGE CHANGE TO THE VSU WITHDRAWAL LIMIT POLICY**

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**SPONSORED BY: President Pro Tempore Cassie Katen, Senator Kylie Mathis, Senator Alexis Smith, Senator Aubree Cooper, Senator Leo Alexander Sterns, Senator Justin Carter, Senator Ashley Thinnifel.**

**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;

**WHEREAS**, SGA recognizes the importance of a proper, fair, balanced and updated system of course withdrawals, following the examples of comparator and aspirational peer institutions, 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**, SGA understands the need for an improved system of withdrawals that stresses the necessity of discouraging students from going below the 66% completion rate necessary to meet the requirements to maintain good-standing with federal financial aid;

**WHEREAS**, SGA recognizes the need for students to understand the withdrawal system properly with its policies, and follows the benefits of including academic advisors into the withdrawal process to achieve such ends;

**WHEREAS**, SGA believes it is within the interest of the VSU student body to formulate a new, updated withdrawal limit to address the needs of students of all majors alike;

**WHEREAS**, SGA believes it necessary to allow students to have more withdrawals through their academic career, and expand on the liberties of students with regards to addressing issues with their courses;

**WHEREAS**, SGA firmly believes that a change in the withdrawal policy will aid in retention;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the 2019-2020 Student Government Association of Valdosta State University, on behalf of the student body of Valdosta State University, now urges

the Valdosta State University Administration, University Educational Policies Committee, and Faculty Senate to amend the current policy regarding course withdrawals to promote student success.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the 2019-2020 Student Government Association of Valdosta State University recommends the inclusion of the Academic advisors, without discrediting independent decision-making, in the course withdrawal process to ensure student success and completion.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the 2019-2020 Student Government Association of Valdosta State University draws attention towards the issue of student completion. It expresses its conviction to see improvements in this issue to be in effect for the 2020 Fall Semester and encourages the Student Body President to pursue all available opportunities to ensure the implementation of a new, more equitable course withdrawal policy.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the 2019-2020 Student Government Association of Valdosta State University stresses its readiness to assist the VSU administration in finding a solution that properly satisfies and attends to the issues found within the current withdrawal process.

For: <u>36</u>	Against: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>
Primary Mover: <u>Senator Cooper</u>	Secondary Mover: <u>Senator Johnson</u>	
<b><u>APPROVED</u></b> <b>DENIED</b> <b>VETOED</b>	Date: <u>3.2.2020</u>	
<u>Just Bell</u>	, Student Government President	