

Bill #14-12
Academic Forgiveness Bill

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Authored by: Senator Matthew Cowan, Senator Christopher Hellams

Sponsored by: Senator Anyanwu, Cato, Poe,

Be it enacted by the Senate of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the calculation of a current or future student's grade point average toward a degree be calculated by replacing a lower course grade completed by the higher attempted course grade on the student academic record,

WHEREAS, this policy will replace the current policy where an average of the course' attempted hours total the new grade after a class is retaken at Valdosta State University.

WHEREAS, the suggested policy will allow for the term GPA and overall attempted GPA hours to coincide and reflect only courses taken and courses that were retaken with the highest grade replacing the lowest grade.

WHEREAS, this will ensure that hours are represented accurately and recorded representative of the hours that were calculated from the student's highest attempt after retaking a course.

WHEREAS, implementation of this new policy may improve the enrollment and retention rates of Valdosta State University,

WHEREAS, upon enactment of this bill any current student and future student will be allowed to retake a class and have only the highest course grade reflected in the GPA,

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association Senators have collected signatures of students in favor of this policy change,

THEREFORE be it enacted, the Student Government Association recommends to the VSU Faculty Senate and the University Administration that the current academic grading system, for a student who is enrolled at Valdosta State University, be replaced by the suggested grading scale. Also let this show that the attached petitions reflect the consent of students currently attending Valdosta State University who agree that the current grading system be replaced by the policy mentioned above.

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the highest grade of a taken course is the only grade reflected on any current or future student's Grade Point Average.

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President's Signature:

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