



1 **Associated Student Government**

2 *University of Arkansas*

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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 3*

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8 **A Resolution Supporting the Expansion of the Grade Forgiveness**  
9 **Policy in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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11 Whereas, Current University of Arkansas Grade Forgiveness Policy  
12 allows students to fill out a Grade Forgiveness Petition Form,  
13 which allows students to improve their undergraduate  
14 cumulative GPA by repeating a maximum of 9 credit hours in  
15 which a grade of "D" or "F" was received and requesting that  
16 the repeat grade be the only one counted in the final GPA  
17 calculation; and

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19 Whereas, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students across campus are  
20 having to deal with unprecedented and unexpected  
21 alterations in campus life such as online classes, lack of peer  
22 motivation, and fear/reality of infection that may prevent  
23 them from performing to the best of their academic ability;  
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26 Whereas, An expanded policy could allow students the opportunity to  
27 improve their GPA, which would have many benefits such as  
28 a higher cumulative GPA, a better chance of admission into  
29 graduate schools, and improving the reputation of the  
30 University of Arkansas nationally; and

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32 Whereas, Many other universities such as Louisiana State University,  
33 Auburn University, The University of Oklahoma, and  
34 Oklahoma State University allow up to 12 or more credit  
35 hours in their Grade Exclusion Policies; and

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37 Whereas, The COVID-19 Pandemic is temporary, meaning that  
38 students are likely to do better academically once regular  
39 classes resume and campus life is restored; and

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41 Whereas, It is unfair to have student GPAs be permanently affected by  
42 an unprecedented, rapid change in educational methods and  
43 style of learning that did not affect prior graduates; and  
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45 Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate  
46 recommends that the University of Arkansas  
47 consider expanding the Grade Forgiveness  
48 Policy to allow up to 12 credit hours of Grade  
49 Forgiveness for students who attended classes  
50 at the University during which the COVID-19  
51 Pandemic was active; and  
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53 Be it further resolved: The policy still only permits students to recover  
54 "D" and "F" grades, but will allow each student  
55 to earn a higher cumulative GPA by helping to  
56 negate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic  
57 on academics; and  
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59 Be it finally resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
60 Office of the Provost and Executive Vice  
61 Chancellor.  
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63 Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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65 Vote Count: Aye 41 Nay 5 Abstentions 2  
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67 Legislation Status: Passed X Failed \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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70 Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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73 Julia Nall, ASG President Date