**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 18*

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**A Resolution Supporting the Expansion of the Grade Forgiveness Policy**

Whereas, Current University of Arkansas Grade Forgiveness Policy allows students to fill out a Grade Forgiveness Petition Form, which allows students to improve their undergraduate cumulative GPA by repeating a maximum of two courses  in which a grade of “D” of “F” was received and requesting that the repeat grade be the only one counted into the final GPA calculation; and

Whereas, Many students experience academic obstacles throughout their time at the University of Arkansas that may prevent them from performing to the best of their academic ability; and

Whereas, A more comprehensive and expanded policy could allow students who are willing to pay to retake a course the opportunity to improve their GPA, which could reap many benefits including a higher cumulative GPA, a greater chance of admission into a continuing education program, and a greater chance at receiving competitive job offers, thus improving the standing of the University of Arkansas nationally; and

Whereas, Many other universities such as: Iowa State University, Georgia State University, Auburn University, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Kansas have grade forgiveness policies that allow student to replace a “B” grade or lower; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Faculty Senate at the University of Arkansas consider expanding the Grade Forgiveness Policy to accommodate those students wishing to replace a “C” grades, along with the current policy of “D” and “F” grades; and

Be it further resolved: The policy still only permit students to replace two grades, but will allow a larger portion of the student body the opportunity to earn a higher cumulative GPA; and

Be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor.

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Amendments:

Vote Count:   Aye 41 \_ Nay 4 \_ Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed yes Failed \_ Other

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Colman Betler, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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