IN THE SENATE
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. F15-12
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A RESOLUTION

CALLING UPON UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO PROFESSORS TO POST GRADES ON BLACKBOARD

WHEREAS, early warning and midterm grades play a vital role in alerting students as to where they stand in a particular class;

WHEREAS, these warning and midterm evaluations alone do not suffice in informing students of their grade at all times;

WHEREAS, access to regularly updated grade information allows students to more accurately gauge where they stand in a particular class at all times;

WHEREAS, as of October 19, 2015, a poll found that 94% of University of Idaho students would find it useful for more classes to post grades on Blackboard;

WHEREAS, Blackboard serves as one of the most useful digital tools for teachers and students to interact at the University of Idaho;

WHEREAS, a Blackboard account is automatically created for every course, although not all professors choose to activate that account;

WHEREAS, Blackboard has a function to create a spreadsheet that can be downloaded as an Excel sheet and automatically updates to Blackboard in real time as professors input grades;

WHEREAS, the Distance & Extended Education office provides one-on-one trainings with professors to help build Blackboard programs;

WHEREAS, the Distance & Extended Education office provides a line open 8am to 6pm Monday through Friday to assist professors who may be experiencing technological issues or need help with Blackboard;

WHEREAS, updated grading information would allow students, faculty and staff to participate in a more informed discussion about the students’ performance in a class;

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved By the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Idaho call upon the University of Idaho professors to post grades on Blackboard.

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