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Resolution 1-13-S Resolution to Support the “Value Added” Grading System

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the “Value Added” grading system introduced to the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University and the University Senate of Western Kentucky University.

WHEREAS: Provost Gordon Emslie introduced a “Value Added” grading system to Student Government Association and the University Senate in the Fall semester of 2012, and

WHEREAS: In response to that proposal the Academic Quality committee of the University Senate proposed a similar plan that would continue the idea of a “Value Added” grading system, and

WHEREAS: The University Senate counter-proposal would add plus scoring for B, C, and D letter grades, stating that students in the upper-tier of each grade would receive the respective plus-grade, and

WHEREAS: “Value Added” would allow for a B+ to earn 3.3 quality points, a C+ would earn 2.3 quality points, and D+ would earn 1.3 quality points, and

WHEREAS: This grading system will allow students that are closer to the next highest grade to be rewarded for their work, and

WHEREAS: According to Provost Gordon Emslie a student in the top one third of a letter grade has more in common with a student in the next highest letter grade range, and

WHEREAS: The “Value Added” grading system would not allow for grade inflation because it gives the same margin in quality points as a regular plus/minus system

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the enactment of the “Value Added” grading system as proposed by Provost Emslie and subsequently amended the Academic Quality committee of the University Senate, and

THEREFORE: Be it further resolved that this resolution is not intended to serve as an explicit nor implicit endorsement of the addition of minus grade levels.

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