**S.R. 0003**

**A Resolution of the Student Senate of Western Carolina University**

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**“A resolution in support of adopting the A+ to the Western Carolina University grading scale.”**

**Background:** The A+ is needed at Western Carolina University because the students will have more opportunities to succeed throughout their academic career. Currently an A+ has a weight of 4.0. This resolution aims to recognize the A+ as a value of 4.333 when calculating a student’s GPA.

WHEREAS the grading scale currently in place allows for no grade above an “A” to count towards the cumulative grade point average, making a single grade below an “A” makes it impossible to raise the GPA back to a 4.0 even when transcripts would suggest that a student’s grade point average ought to be higher,

WHEREAS the system of considering an “A+” grade to count as a 4.33 is used in other universities and colleges within the North Carolina system including North Carolina State University and University of North Carolina Greensboro, putting Western Carolina University in the same caliber as other universities,

WHEREAS the addition of the “A+” grading scale would provide students with greater opportunities to risk more difficult and thus more educationally fulfilling classes due to the knowledge that a single grade below an “A” will not end their chances for a 4.0 cumulative grade point average,

WHEREAS the purpose of a grade is not to measure the mere understanding of a subject but also the capacity to learn the subject,

**Therefore Be It Resolved: That SGA is in favor of, adopting an A+ grading system meeting the following specifications:**

1. The grading scale to be used in the reporting of mid-term and final grades and in calculating of GPA is the following:

A+ = 4.333

A = 4.0

1. = 3.667

B+ = 3.333

B = 3.0

B- = 2.667

C+ = 2.333

C = 2.0

C- = 1.667

D+ = 1.333

D = 1.0

D- = 0.667

F = 0

1. The new grading scale shall go into effect for all Western Carolina University students at the beginning of the fall semester of 2012.
2. It shall not allow for any grade point average to be above 4.0, nor shall it allow for any retroactive alteration of any previous semester’s grade point average.

**Senators in Favor\_\_\_**

**Senators Opposed\_\_\_**

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