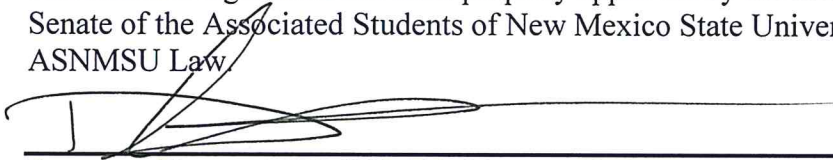


The Associated Students
Of
New Mexico State University

Resolution #14

The attached legislation has been properly approved by the members of the Sixtieth Senate of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University in accordance with ASNMSU Law



Donovan Olvera, ASNMSU Chief Senate Clerk

12/12/16
Date



Kevin Prieto, ASNMSU Vice President

12/12/16
Date

SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

RESOLUTION # 14

SIXTIETH SENATE

2016-2017

Introduced by: Jenkins, Cassidy, Barragan-Rivera Date: 8/23/2016
Referred to: Rules, Community Affairs, Finance Date: 8/25/2016
Senate Action: FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION Date: 11/3/2016
Date Signed: _____

LX-16-17

A RESOLUTION

1 CONCERNING THE NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG UNIVERSITY
2 GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADUATE CATALOG GRADING SYSTEM. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
3 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

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5 WHEREAS, course grade point average is calculated with A+ equal to 4.0, A equal to 4.0, A- equal to 3.7, B+ equal
6 to 3.3, B equal to 3.0, B- equal to 2.7, C+ equal to 2.3, C equal to 2.0, C- equal to 2.0, D+ equal to 1.0, D equal to
7 1.0, D- equal to 1.0, and F equal to 0.0; and

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9 WHEREAS, the incumbent system is inexplicably and arbitrarily unique with respect to all other grade point
10 average systems in the state; and

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12 WHEREAS, there is no consistent university-wide grading system, because professors are allowed to choose
13 whether or not to use the fractional system; and

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15 WHEREAS, the University of New Mexico uses a consistent fractional grading system where letter grades are based
16 on a gradient with even spacing between letter grades rather than by assignment; and

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18 WHEREAS, Western New Mexico University, Eastern New Mexico University, and University of Texas at El Paso
19 uses the traditionally accepted integer scale for comparing a student's performance; and

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21 WHEREAS, the current system fails to reward students with A+ grades and harshly punishes students with C- or
22 below scores by failing to be consistent in the policy with these scores; and

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24 WHEREAS, the current unique system deprives students who earned all A's from receiving the competitive highest
25 level of honors summa cum laude. Receiving a minus can sway their GPA to become as low as a 3.7 bringing them
26 down two honors ranking to the lowest level of honors cum laude; and

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28 WHEREAS, local employers expect grade point averages to be calculated consistently and reliably such that they
29 can have a fair and just comparison between candidates with similar qualifications; and

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31 WHEREAS, according to the New Mexico State University Common Data Set, the average grade point average in
32 2011 before the grade point average system changed was 3.18 with a positive trend and in 2015 it also was 3.18, but
33 with a negative trend.

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Commented [SJ1]: <http://nmsu.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2014-2015/Undergraduate-Catalog/General-Information/Regulations/University-Grading-System>

Commented [DC2]: <http://www.cumlaude.org/>

35 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University that
36 New Mexico State University amend its future catalogs to use the traditional integer grade point average system,
37 with A equal to 4.0, B equal to 3.0, C equal to 2.0, D equal to 1.0 and F equal to 0.0.

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies be sent to the President of New Mexico State University, the Executive
40 Vice President and Provost of New Mexico State University, the Faculty Senate, President of the Associated
41 Students of New Mexico State University, Vice President of the Associated Students of New Mexico University, the
42 Registrar, the Department Heads of New Mexico State University, and the student media organizations of New
43 Mexico State University.