

The Associated Students
Of
New Mexico State University

SENATE FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FOR
RESOLUTION #44

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


Bethany Mendoza, ASNMSU Chief Senate Clerk

2/22/2019
Date


Linda Cisneros, ASNMSU Vice President

02/22/2019
Date

SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

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SIXTY-SECOND SENATE

2018-2019

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Senate Action: APPROVED Date: 02/22/2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 CONCERNING THE NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY GRADING SYSTEM. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
2 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

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

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8 WHEREAS, the current grading system was implemented to reduce grade inflation but has not been effective in
9 doing so; and

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

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14 WHEREAS, New Mexico State University's current grading system policy is unique when compared to its peer
15 institutions; and

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17 WHEREAS, since the implementation of the current fractional grading system in Fall 2013 to Spring 2018 up to
18 11.7% undergraduate students and 13.2% of graduate students have been harmed; and

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20 WHEREAS, the current fractional grading system benefitted less than 6.5% of undergraduate students and 5.0% of
21 graduate students as of Spring 2018; and

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23 WHEREAS, the current fractional grading system is causing New Mexico State University students to be less
24 competitive with education and employment opportunities than other students with similar qualifications at peer
25 institutions; and

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27 WHEREAS, the success of our students is also the achievement of New Mexico State University— an incentive to
28 change policies that will help students attain their goals; and

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30 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ASNMSU, on behalf of the students, respectfully requests New Mexico
31 State University to amend its current grading policy to implement a grading system that will benefit the students of
32 New Mexico State University and that all faculty will adhere to.

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies be sent to the NMSU Chancellor, NMSU President, NMSU Provost,
35 NMSU Dean of Students, the Chair of the Faculty Senate, the ASNMSU President, ASNMSU Vice President, the
36 ASNMSU Director of Public Relations, and NMSU College Councils.