



WICHITA STATE
UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

Senate Resolution 64-014

Engineering Senator Jay Thompson introduced the following Resolution

A RESOLUTION concerning the Faculty Senate consideration of the A+ Proposal by the authority vested in the Student Senate by the Constitution and the laws of the Wichita State University Student Government Association.

BE IT ENACTED IN THE STUDENT SENATE ASSEMBLED

October 27, 2021

A SENATE RESOLUTION

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Wichita State University Faculty Senate will consider a change to the
2 Wichita State Grade Point System to add an “A+” letter grade option with three different
3 proposals to evaluate; AND
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the current grade scale administers an opportunity for students to balance a
5 ‘minus’ with a ‘plus’ for each grade level B, C, and D, but not an A ‘minus’ with an A ‘plus’;
6 AND
- 7 **WHEREAS**, not providing an opportunity to receive a mark above the A letter grade places
8 a burden on our students and makes it harder to make up their GPA upon the receipt of a
9 less than satisfactory grade; AND
- 10 **WHEREAS**, Proposal 1 would allow for students to raise any A or lower grade point
11 average, with what an instructor would deem an ‘A+’, by adding a 4.33 opportunity to the
12 grade scale; AND
- 13 **WHEREAS**, the Office of the Registrar has deemed Proposal 2 unviable due to Banner SIS
14 vendor, Ellucian, being unable to prevent 4.33 GPA course credits from impeding the 4.00
15 cumulative GPA threshold; AND
- 16 **WHEREAS**, Proposal 3 would promote high achieving students and allow for students to
17 better reflect their achievements in the classroom by adding an ‘Honorary A+’ that would
18 not impact GPA; AND

19 **WHEREAS**, either proposal would not encroach on an instructor’s academic freedom to
20 deem what would qualify as an ‘A+’, as instructors have complete freedom to utilize
21 whichever grading scale they see fit; AND

22 **WHEREAS**, because there are numerous other prestigious research universities that offer
23 an ‘A+’, either proposal would make competitive edge more attainable to our students in
24 both law school admissions processes and national graduate programs; AND

Act 1. Therefore, be it resolved

25 That the Student Senate of the Wichita State University Student Government Association,
26 on behalf of members of the Association and united with the Association hereby implore the
27 Wichita State University Faculty Senate to pass either A+ Proposal 1 and/or A+ Proposal 3
28 to allow for consideration by the General Faculty Assembly;

Act 2. Referral

29 Such RESOLUTION to be referred to the Committee of the Whole, for a period to be
30 subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Act 3. Final Action by Senate

31 Such RESOLUTION was presented to the Student Senate, dissolved into the Committee of
32 the Whole, with the final action as follows: 26-6-0 vote on October 27, 2021

Act 5. Forward with Respect To

33 Whitney Bailey, President of The Faculty Senate
34 Dr. Shirley Lefever, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost
35 Gina Crabtree, University Registrar
36 Rija Khan, President of the Association
37 Naielle Lucella, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
38 Gabriel Fonseca, Advisor to the Association, and
39 The Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University

As Clerk of the Senate, I hereby certify this vote was conducted in a free and fair manner pursuant the Association's Rules and Regulations

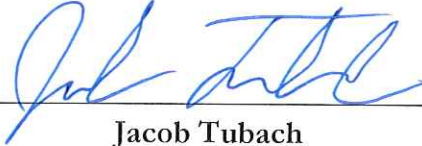


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Clerk of the Student Senate

10/28/21

Date



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The Speaker of the Senate

10/28/21

Date