

SGA Report
December 6, 2017

Construction Consultation Resolution:

-A resolution directed to the University of Louisville Foundation and the University of Louisville Real Estate Foundation asking that students be consulted with when considering construction plans. In 2015 the UofL Foundation sold land adjacent to the University for the construction of "University Pointe" to a private company without consulting students. The foundation did not consult students or consider the long-term impact of this privately owned apartment complex. Students had noted that they much rather have University owned dorms than privately owned facilities. In the resolution we ask that the University of Louisville Real Estate Foundation notify SGA of any sale or lease of property adjacent to the University to ensure it is not otherwise valuable.

Midterm Grade Report:

-A resolution that encourages the administration to require a midterm grade report at least one week prior to the withdraw date. Students should have the right to know their overall grade in a course so that they can make an informed decision on whether to remain in a course or to withdraw from it. I have been working with the Provost and look forward to continuing conversations around this initiative.

Competitive Grading Scale:

-A resolution that encourages the administration to award a 4.0 GPA for an A-. The University of Louisville is one of the only universities in the state that awards a 3.7 for an A-. Students feel that they are at a disadvantage when applying for professional schools, graduate programs and jobs. I am working with the Provost on this initiative and hopefully we can move forward with this.

If you have any questions or concerns, I would be happy to answer them. My email address is jtfull01@louisville.

I hope everyone has a happy holiday season!

Short Title: Require faculty to release midterm grade reports prior to the withdrawal date

Authors: Eric Bush, Garrett Kasey, Jasper Noble

Sponsors: Lydia Burns

Referred To:

Version: 1

First Reading:

Second Reading:

WHEREAS, Faculty at the university are not required to release midterm grade reports prior to the withdrawal date;

WHEREAS, Students must be aware of academic standing in a course to determine if withdrawal is necessary;

WHEREAS, A midterm grade report would hold faculty at the university more accountable;

WHEREAS, A midterm grade report would enable students to make changes for success based on midterm grades;

WHEREAS, Midterm grade reports have been found to increase retention rates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The administration is strongly encouraged to require faculty members to release an informal midterm grade report, over Blackboard or any other platform of the professor's choosing, no later than one week prior to the official withdrawal date.

A RESOLUTION
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT FACILITIES

Short Title: Construction Consultation Resolution

Authors: Sen. Noble

Sponsors: Sen. Kasey

Version: First Reading

First Committee Reading:

First Reading:

Second Reading:

WHEREAS, construction of any new or existing building for the purpose of student use should necessitate consultation with students; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the University of Louisville Foundation sold land adjacent to the University for the construction of “University Pointe” by a private company without consulting students; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisville Foundation profited from the construction of “University Pointe” but failed to seriously consider the long-term impact of rapid development or long term University plans for the property; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisville Foundation allowed a third party to build a residence hall on the Belknap campus when students have repeatedly indicated a preference for University-owned and operated housing; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisville Foundation has failed to use profits from the lease to renovate or restore Stansbury Park as promised; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisville Foundation has now transferred its real estate assets to the new University of Louisville Real Estate Foundation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Louisville Real Estate Foundation should not authorize construction of student facilities without consulting the SGA; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Louisville Real Estate Foundation should notify the SGA of any sale or lease of property adjacent to the University to ensure that it is not otherwise valuable; and

BE IT FINALLY ENACTED that upon passage, a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the President of the University of Louisville, the University of Louisville Foundation, and the University of Louisville Real Estate Foundation.

**A Resolution to Encourage the University Administration to Adopt a Competitive
Grading Scale**

Short Title: The Competitive Grading Resolution

Authors: Senator Eric Bush, Senator Jasper Noble

Sponsors: Senator Garrett Kasey, Senator A. J. Walters

Referred To: Academic Policy Committee

Version: 1

First Reading:

Second Reading:

WHEREAS, The University of Louisville operates with a segmented grading scale that allows the administration to award 3.7 GPA points to undergraduate students who receive an A- on their transcript;

WHEREAS, The majority of public universities in Kentucky award students 4.0 GPA points for any letter grade above a B+, including:

- University of Kentucky
- Morehead State University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Western Kentucky University

WHEREAS, University of Louisville undergraduate students must earn a higher grade to receive the same GPA as students at competing state universities, UofL students are at a disadvantage when applying for jobs, fellowship programs, and elite graduate schools;

WHEREAS, the unnecessary academic burden the A- places on University of Louisville students not only damages their successful transition out of college, but also reduces the quantity of students that can represent the University of Louisville at elite institutions nationally and around the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The administration is strongly encouraged to amend the grading scale to award 4.0 GPA points to undergraduate students who receive an A-.