A Resolution Regarding the Institution of a First-Year Grade Forgiveness Policy

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WHEREAS, first-year students in college are not always prepared for the rigor and often do not have the appropriate skills necessary to succeed in college due to differences in the backgrounds and the variation of students’ lives prior to attending the University of Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, students at the University of Georgia should be motivated to finish classes that they sign up for as opposed to withdrawing because it is their only option; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia is a Land Grant Institution which means it must comply with current state funding regulations; and,

WHEREAS, This policy is written entirely within the confines of the Zell Miller and HOPE Scholarship meaning it does not intrude upon the ability of students to seek financial aid for any class they may take at the University of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, recommends a First-Year Grade Forgiveness Policy be instituted at the University of Georgia.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this policy will only apply to classes taken in a student’s first year of college in general, meaning each student will be allowed to retake each class taken within the first year of an undergraduate degree at UGA; and,

THERE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, first-Year Students at the University of Georgia will maintain priority when applying for typical first-year courses as all students seeking to retake
and therefore forgive, a class taken within their first thirty (30) credit hours will have the opportunity to do so during any subsequent semester of their college career; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all grades (regardless of their forgiveness) will be visible on a student’s transcript, but grades forgiven will not apply to their GPA; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, all grades finalized within a student’s first thirty (30) credit hours at the college level will be eligible to be forgiven from a student’s GPA one time during their college career.

1 The University of South Carolina, Auburn University, Iowa State University, University of Missouri, UC Los Angeles, UC Berkeley, Georgia Tech, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ohio State University, Purdue University – Main Campus, University of Maryland – College Park, Clemson University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, North Carolina State University – Raleigh, Michigan State University, University of Iowa, Indiana University – Bloomington, University of Arizona, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, and Georgia College and State University all offer a form of a grade forgiveness policy similar to the plan I intend to implement here at UGA.

Michigan State University

University of Maryland

Ohio State University

Indiana University – Bloomington

Georgia College and State University

University of Arizona

Purdue University

Kennesaw State University

University of Iowa
Grading System | College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | The University of Iowa. (2018, August 13). Retrieved from https://cla.uiowa.edu/students/handbook/grading-system#second-grade

Clemson University

Georgia State University

University of Arizona

Virginia Tech

University of Minnesota

North Carolina State University