WHEREAS, presently only freshmen receive electronic mid-term grades and the rest of the student body is left without this service; and

WHEREAS, the mechanism that professors must go through for submitting mid-term grades is extremely user-friendly; and

WHEREAS, letting students know that they are not getting the grade they want may motivate the student to work harder to improve that grade; and

WHEREAS, the university is a self-proclaimed developmental experience and we should not expect students to be fully equipped with all the study skills necessary to be successful in school; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, students do not know what their grades are until the end of the class when the grading curve is incorporated. If students knew that a 60% on a test was actually a good score, they would be less likely to drop the class; and
WHEREAS, receiving mid-term grades helps keep students focused by promoting responsible grade management; and

WHEREAS, mid-term grades gives students an opportunity to become a more active participant in the whole class experience; and

WHEREAS, letting students know that they are doing well in a class can be a very powerful motivating tool; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing trend in higher education toward development and helping the student and this same philosophy should be maintained here at UW-Eau Claire;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate requests that UW-Eau Claire faculty now send/hand out mid-term grades to all enrolled undergraduate students; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Raymond French transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Steven Tallant, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student Services; Andrew Phillips, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dr. Kimberly Barrett, Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Development & Diversity; Dr. Marty Wood, Chair, University Senate; Members of the Academic Policies Committee; and Jesse Dixon, Acting Associate Dean of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.
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