

Resolution 015
A Resolution to Encourage Professors to Post Grades on Blackboard
Sponsored by: Senator Schlee
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Birth, Senator Buckley, and Senator Besendorfer

Whereas, the website Blackboard is an online platform where professors can upload documents, announcements, assessments, and grades.

Whereas, Blackboard is being used more frequently by professors while many classes are taking place online or in a hybrid fashion allowing for better communication between professors and students.

Whereas, many professors do not take advantage of the gradebook function on Blackboard and either use another form of communication for distributing grades or simply do not inform students about their grades on various assignments.

Whereas, when taking online or hybrid classes it is much more difficult to ask a professor about grades and professors are often inundated with email communications from students inquiring about their grades.

Whereas, some professors avoid using Blackboard because of a lack of training, difficulty operating the software, or because of other challenges they face using the platform throughout the semester.

Whereas, the release of grades in a timely manner allows students to better understand where they must improve in their coursework and ultimately excel in their classes.

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests

1. That it be encouraged that all professors utilize the gradebook function of Blackboard in a timely manner so that students are able to view their grades throughout the semester.
2. That the Technology Services Department clearly publicizes a point of contact for any Blackboard related questions or issues that a professor may encounter during the semester.

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

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