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Associated Student Government
ASGJ - General Complaint Form
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Complainant's information:

Full Name (Anonymous Complaints not accepted): Mark Nabors

Student ID: E-Mail: mnabors@uark.edu

Phone Number: Cell Number:

Name of Individual or Party Accused:

Section of ASG Constitution/Code/Elections Packet in Violation: (Provide Section, Title, & Page No.)

Arbitration Request: Article II § 1(E), ASG Senate Resolution 3 (see attached).

I hereby lodge an official complaint against (Name of Accused), who engaged in behavior violating the ASG Constitution and/or Code and/or related Standing Rules/Guidelines as detailed below. If this is an Elections Violation Complaint, show how you believe the Campaign may have profited from the violation:

[Detail the nature of the complaint. Be succinct and factual; do not engage in sarcasm or remarks of a personal nature. Attach supporting documentation or other proof in support of your complaint.]

Please see the attached for our brief and ASG Senate Resolution 3.

Complainant's Signature: Mark Nabors

Do not file a complaint against a person or campaign unless you truly believe (and can prove) he, she or the campaign violated the ASG Constitution/Code/Standing Rules. Do not file a complaint to "get back" at anyone. Filing a groundless or "annoyance" complaint may be to your detriment.

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Arbitration Hearing Request
Submitted by GSC Secretary Mark Nabors, GSC Speaker Scout Johnson, GSC Vice
Speaker Madeleine Forrest, GSC Treasurer Arley Ward

February 9, 2016

I. Introduction

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) respectfully submits to the Associated Student Government Judiciary (ASGJ) for review ASG Senate Resolution No. 3, the Grade Forgiveness Policy Act of 2015 (see attached). Because the resolution fails to differentiate between undergraduate and graduate students, the GSC believes that the passage of this bill constitutes an infringement on its constitutional rights and operation, and accordingly submits this arbitration request to ASGJ under Article II § 1 A, B, C, E, and H of the ASG Constitution.

II. ASG Senate Resolution 3 Infringes on GSC's Rights and Operation

GSC does not question the merit of ASG Senate Resolution 3. However, the GSC believes that the resolution unconstitutionally claims to speak for all students. The ASG Constitution is clear that only the GSC has the authority to speak on behalf of graduate and professional students (see Article II § 1 C). In this case, the GSC was not consulted, meaning this resolution infringes on the GSC's rights to speak on behalf of its constituency.

The resolution consistently points to "students" without differentiating between graduate and undergraduate students. Indeed, every Whereas clause, along with the two Resolved clauses, seek to speak on behalf of the entire student body. While this may have been an inadvertent oversight on the part of the resolution's authors, it must be corrected to clarify that this resolution only speaks for undergraduate students. In fact, graduate students do not have a grade forgiveness policy, and it is the belief of the GSC that the majority of graduate students are against such a policy.

III. The GSC Requests a Remedy

The GSC respectfully requests that the ASGJ rule that the rights and operation of the GSC were infringed by ASG Senate Resolution 3, the Grade Forgiveness Policy Act of 2015. This remedy would allow the GSC to consider ASG Senate Resolution 3, and to amend it to differentiate between graduates and undergraduates. Once those amendments are made, a conference committee will be formed to negotiate amendments (which we do not believe will be controversial). If taken, this action by the ASGJ will demonstrate the body's disciplined and deliberate consideration of all students, and will ensure that minority voices are heard and respected.



ASG Senate Resolution No. 3

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The Grade Forgiveness Policy Act of 2015

Whereas, Current University of Arkansas policy allows students to use grade replacement on two courses and also requires that the grade being replaced be a "D" or an "F", and

Whereas, Many students experience academic obstacles throughout their time at the University of Arkansas that prevent them from performing the way they would like to, and

Whereas, Students may not have learned the material sufficiently upon completing a course and therefore received a less than satisfactory grade and want the opportunity to further their understanding of the material, and

Whereas, A more comprehensive and expanded policy would allow students who are willing to retake a course in order to make up for any situations that may result in a sub-par grade to do so, and

Whereas, Many other universities including Iowa State University, Georgia State University, Auburn University, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Kansas have more comprehensive policies that allow students to replace "B" grade, and

Be it therefore resolved: The Faculty Senate consider expanding the Grade Forgiveness Policy to accommodate those students wishing to replace "B" or "C" grades, along with "D" and "F" grades,

Be it further resolved:

The policy still only permit students to replace two grades, but will allow a larger portion of the student body the opportunity to expand upon what they have learned and earn a better score.

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Amendments: _____

Vote Count: Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstentions _____

Legislation Status: Passed _____ Failed _____ Other _____

Jace Motley, ASG Chair of the Senate

Date

Tanner Bone, ASG President

Date