

**STUDENT BODY RESOLUTION 2006-126**

**WE, THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**TITLE: Resolution Opposing the Minus Grade System**

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**WHEREAS,** studies of grade inflation and the effect of minus grades presented to the Faculty Senate remain inconclusive; and

**WHEREAS,** minus grades hurt students at each letter grade; and

**WHEREAS,** permitting faculty to “opt out” allows similar students to be graded on different scales; and

**WHEREAS,** this inconsistency will afford some students better Grade Point Averages than their peers without any additional effort; and

**WHEREAS,** students with lower Grade Point Averages are less competitive in the post-graduate and job markets; and

**WHEREAS,** minus grades will impact retention rates, graduation rates and scholarship eligibility including Bright Futures; and

**WHEREAS,** an increased number of grade distinctions exacerbates the problem of grade misclassification; and

**WHEREAS,** the adoption of minus grades at Georgia State University caused an increase in the number of grade changes performed by the registrar’s office due to more student grade appeals and clerical professor errors; and

**WHEREAS,** implementing the proposed changes will cost the university to redesign computer software and change publication text including whether “C- or better” ought to replace “C or better”; then

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the students of the University of Florida firmly oppose the adoption of a minus grade system.

Signature:

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Josh Weiss  
Student Senate President

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