

**A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS POLICY REGARDING FINAL EXAM PROCEDURES FOR MATH 1530 (PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS –NON-CALCULUS) AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY.**

**WHEREAS**, existing Department of Mathematics and Statistics policy regarding MATH 1530 (Probability and Statistics – Non-calculus) final examination procedures is established in such a manner that a percentage of correctness below forty percentage points results in inescapable failure of the course regardless of the performance of the student up to the point at which the final examination is administered, and;

**WHEREAS**, this policy places inordinate and a disproportionate amount of disquietude upon students who are poor test takers compared to those who excel at performance on standardized examinations, and;

**WHEREAS**, weighting the final examination at its current level without the inevitable fail stipulation would serve as a fair method of evaluating a student's knowledge of the course, and;

**WHEREAS**, a multitude of students who have maintained adequate performance throughout the semester have been forced to retake the course as a result of their failure to meet the forty percent benchmark on the final examination, and;

**WHEREAS**, this course, or an approved replacement, is a mandate of the general education requirements set forth by the Tennessee Board of Regents and, therefore, many students enroll in this course for instruction each semester, and;

**WHEREAS**, this unfair policy affects a multitude of students enrolled for instruction at this University.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2010-2011 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE OF EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Student Government Association Senate, the elected representative assembly of the entirety of the student body, hereby requests Undergraduate Curriculum Advisory Committee, Ms. Kathy Campbell, Chair, General Education Advisory Council, Dr. William Kirkwood, Chair, and Academic Council, Dr. Burt Bach, Chair, their members, subordinates, affiliates, and other interested parties including but not limited to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics strike the automatic fail stipulation for students not meeting the forty percent

correctness threshold on the MATH 1530 (Probability and Statistics – Non-Calculus) final examination.

**Section 2.** It is further requested that the MATH 1530 final examination weight of two hundred out of a possible one thousand points (twenty percent of the final grade) remain in place to protect students from an increase of weight that would to replace a failure of the final examination stipulation with a de facto fail due to such an exorbitantly weighted examination.

**Section 3.** Furthermore, it is requested that the aforementioned advisory councils, committees, and departments move with all due expediency to approve and implement this policy change.

Sponsor:

**Senator M. Dalton Collins**