

RESOLUTION REGARDING GRADE DISTRIBUTION

WHEREAS, student grades are the prerogative of the faculty;

WHEREAS, there are philosophical differences related to instructional strategies and assessment practices;

WHEREAS, there are numerous variables that contribute to distribution of grades in a course;

WHEREAS, there is no evidence that a normal distribution of grades is evidence of effective instructional practices;

WHEREAS, there is no evidence that an abnormal distribution of grades is evidence of grade inflation;

Therefore, be it Resolved that,

The Faculty Senate of Stephen F. Austin State University opposes the consideration of grade distribution as an element of faculty annual evaluation and/or evaluation for the purpose of tenure and promotion