



# Student Congress

## Student Association at Binghamton University

### F2015 - 05/R: Support for University Course Replacement Policy

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Whereas students believe that there should be a change to the current policy of retaking courses;

Whereas students feel it should be uniformed across all schools in Binghamton;

Whereas students who are not doing well in classes are inclined to fail due to the Course replacement policy;

Whereas SUNY schools and other New York States schools have adopted policies more conducive to students success (University At Buffalo, Geneseo, certain departments in University at Albany, New Paltz, Cornell, and New York University);

Whereas when retaking a course at Binghamton, the grade is only averaged in Harper, Watson and College of Community and Public Affairs if a student fails the first time;

Whereas the grade is averaged in School of Management and Decker regardless of if a student passed or failed;

Whereas all students across all schools should have the same opportunity to succeed;

Whereas in Harper, Watson and College of Community and Public Affairs students should be given the opportunity to have their grades averaged if they must retake a course;

Whereas students who want to retake courses they have passed previously to improve their GPA's and for future academic endeavors should be given last priority in registration;

Whereas all students should have the ability (credit bearing) to retake these classes for future plans;

Whereas there should be a maximum of three classes students can retake throughout all five colleges;

Whereas the second grade achieved will be the grade used;

Therefore be it resolved that the course replacement policy should give students the opportunity to retake a maximum of three classes for grade replacement. It should be a uniform policy for all five schools.

### **Impact statement**

It is imperative that this policy be passed as it would enable students to go beyond the scope of their undergraduate careers and pursue higher education (such as Medical School, Law School, etc.) and in the long return, this would raise Binghamton Universities ranking of professionalism and prestige. This policy motivates students to display higher results than previously, due to the fact they have taken the course already and are inclined to do better. This policy would state that colleges and the University want to see their students succeed.