



# Resolution 92-31

## *"Elimination of Freshman Mid-Semester Grade Reports"*

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Sponsored by:	Andy Ternay, Brian Eastin, Stephen Griffin
Date Submitted:	1992-04-21
Date Considered:	0000-00-00
Committee:	Other
Action:	Killed in Committee
Result:	
Remarks:	No further information is available about this resolution.
Whereas:	Each freshman receives a mid-semester grade report in the mail during their first semester at UTA; and
Whereas:	Oftentimes the grade shown for a particular class is not accurate and the professor is forced to give a grade of 'incomplete;' and
Whereas:	From a research standpoint, Dr. Anthony Baker, Director of Records for UTA was contacted and he indicated, "This would save money for UTA and not cut a program of great significance;" and
Whereas:	Dr. Baker stated that, "the usefulness of the mid-semester grade reports as an academic warning system is small;" and
Whereas:	Dr. Baker indicated the elimination of such reports would conserve paper, save labor time of date entry, free up professors' time to better educate their students and save a "few thousand dollars" in the process, and Dr. Baker indicated that "Although only first semester freshmen receive these grade reports and the cost is substantially lower than sending final report cards to all the students at the end of the semester, it would still save the University money and would be a good idea."
Whereas:	Dr. Baker said "Money saved by the University may have to be turned back over to the state if not kept in the Records Department," and the money could "serve the UTA public through more efficient operations such as quicker transcript production and increase the amount of available supplies in which the Records Dept. could serve the students."
Be It Therefore Resolved That:	The sending out of Freshman Mid-semester Grade Reports in their first semester be discontinued immediately.



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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: December 2, 1992

TO: Dr. Anthony Baker  
Director, UTA Records

FROM: Derrick Kinney *DK*  
President, Student Body

SUBJECT: Student Congress Resolution 92-31: Elimination of  
Freshman Mid-Semester Grade Reports

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Thank you for your input on the pros and cons of the current mid-semester grade report system. After much debate, the Student Congress members voted to keep the current system and not eliminate it.

Among the comments that were made was that some departments on campus use the reports as a tool to monitor academic progress while some members asked about the timeliness of the faculty receiving the reports and the time they have to fill them out.

Although Student Congress did not approve the measure, they did request that I draft a letter to you and ask about the specific timeliness of the grade report system. If you would outline the dates of mailings both to faculty and students, etc., it would be greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for your input on this issue. If I may be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at x-2293.

DK:sp

cc: Jeff Sorensen  
Dr. Kent Gardner

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SPONSOR(S): ANDREW C. TERNAY, BRIAN EASTIN, STEPHEN GRIFFIN

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RESULTS: FAILED

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