

Georgia College and State University
Student Government Association
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A RESOLUTION

To strongly advise and advocate for the uniform and regular use of Desire2Learn or “D2L” platform for all courses and by all professors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

SECTION I

The following facts are submitted as justification for the resolution:

1. WHEREAS, the program Desire2Learn is an interactive and virtual education platform that provides easy-to-use and easy-to-teach learning tools for all courses. Some tools included are messaging services, grade book, calendar, document storage and sharing, etc.
2. WHEREAS, D2L is the only virtual educational platform available to every student and teacher and which the use of is paid for in part by the University System of Georgia and Georgia College general funds.
3. WHEREAS, many teachers utilize the D2L platform infrequently or not at all. Some teachers utilize alternate platforms such as Edmodo or Facebook in order to communicate course information.
4. WHEREAS, every student has a right to know how they are performing and progressing in their courses at regular intervals.
5. WHEREAS, under the Family Education and Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) a school must provide an eligible student with an opportunity to inspect and review their education records in a timely fashion.
6. WHEREAS, students are expected to be responsible for the calculation of their cumulative grades in every course. Teachers often lay out the proportions

necessary for calculating cumulative grades for their courses in the syllabi, but do not regularly report back grades.

7. WHEREAS, at present the university does not allow teachers to communicate grades through e-mail or any other unofficial virtual platform.
8. WHEREAS, the Desire2Learn platform offers a grade book for the communication of all grades earned in each individual course.
9. WHEREAS, the use of D2L by all teachers for regularly reporting grades will eliminate erroneous and excessive inquiries about course progress and provide transparency in grading procedures.
10. WHEREAS, the use of D2L by all teachers will create one central location for all students to locate course materials, grades, and all other important information; causing less confusion and increasing efficiency and productivity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student Government Association of Georgia College strongly advises and advocates for the uniform and regular use of Desire2Learn (or “D2L”) platform for all courses and by all professors.

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