A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY,
REQUESTING NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY DISCLOSE AND
RESTRUCTURE COURSE EVALUATIONS TO AND FOR THE STUDENT BODY.

WHEREAS: Currently, course evaluations are not disclosed to the study body. Top universities in the nation, such as Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pennsylvania, disclose course evaluations to students, according to The Cornell Daily News [CDN], and

WHEREAS: 65% of the student body surveyed at Northern Kentucky University [NKU] uses ratemyprofessor.com according to a Norse2020 survey taken earlier this spring, and

WHEREAS: ratemyprofessor.com is an informal and unreliable website unassociated with NKU which rates professors based on helpfulness, clarity, easiness, and “hottness”, and allows anyone outside of the NKU student body to voice this or her opinion, and

WHEREAS: Disclosure of course evaluations to the student body would benefit the overall academic success of students and increase the retention rate for the University by eliminating ratemyprofessor.com as the default research option for many students looking to gain insight regarding their courses and professors, and

WHEREAS: Course evaluations should not only be disclosed to students, but they should also include pertinent information relevant to student success; rather than including unreliable information, and

WHEREAS: Course evaluations should instead include valuable information such as: how the class is organized, the usefulness of class reading assignments, homework assignments, scheduled laboratories, the professor’s ability to effectively communicate, the number of hours devoted to the course per week, and whether or not students felt they were prepared for the course; all of which were noted by the CDN as important criteria for evaluation purposes, and

WHEREAS: Comprehensive NKU course evaluation data, disclosed privately to NKU students would only better prepare the students for courses they wish to take, while also insuring that others students from outside the University cannot falsify data about professors they have no knowledge about, as is possible with ratemyprofessor.com, and is a reliable source of information which students could view when making course selections in the future, in an effort to facilitate student academic success.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS 1st DAY OF OCTOBER 2012, THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY
UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTS NORTHERN
KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY DISCLOSE AND RESTRUCTURE COURSE EVALUATIONS TO AND FOR THE STUDENT BODY.

Signed: 
Erik Pederson, President

Attest: 
Abby Gross, Senator