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Memorandum

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Date: March 7, 2014

Re: A Recommendation to Extend the D2L Timeframe

On March 6, 2014, the Marquette University Student Government Senate passed a recommendation for Marquette University to extend the period in which students may view their grades on D2L.

Attached is a summary and copy of the legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Summary of Legislation

Recommendation #9

Authors: Senator Zack Wallace, Senator Mary McCarthy,
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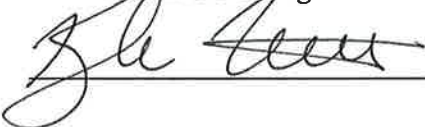
Sponsors: Senator Peter Setter, Senator Kate Barelli, Senator
Patrick O'Donnell, Senator Estefania Elizondo,
Senator Vince Beacom, Senator Thomas Schick,
Senator Brittany Riesenbeck, Senator Kristen
Steinfeld, Senator Amanda Stolz

Senate Committee: Academics

Action of the MUSG Senate: Approved by Vote of 26-0-0

Senate Rationale: The MUSG Senate believes strongly that students ought to be able to access their grades on D2L after final grades have been posted in Checkmarq. Checkmarq does not provide a breakdown of the student's grade nor does it allow for the professor to provide the student with feedback like D2L. Finally, eleven of our Jesuit peer institutions allow their students to access their grades on D2L after their final grades have been submitted and the Senate feels strongly our students should be able to as well.

Action of MUSG Legislative Vice President Kyle Whelton



Date: 3/17/14

Action of MUSG President Samuel Schultz



Date: 3/17/14

Recommendation #9:

A Recommendation to Extend the D2L Timeframe

- Author(s): Senator Wallace, Senator McCarthy, PPT Manjee, Senator Hansen
- Sponsor(s): Senator Setter, Senator Barelli, Senator O'Donnell, Senator Elizondo, Senator Beacom, Senator Schick, Senator Riesenbeck, Senator Steinfeld, Senator Stolz
- Whereas: It is the role of Marquette University Student Government (MUSG) to actively identify and address the needs and concerns of the students; and,
- Whereas: The Marquette University Vision Statement states "We must reach beyond traditional academic boundaries and embrace new and collaborative methods of teaching, learning, research and service;" and,
- Whereas: The university's academic software, Desire 2 Learn (D2L), currently closes to students for all courses the last day of final examinations; and,
- Whereas: Marquette University students have expressed their concerns for D2L courses to remain open to students past the time they receive their final grades; and,
- Whereas: Leaving D2L open would provide insight into final grades and any projects due late in the semester; and,
- Whereas: D2L would allow students to see a breakdown of their final grade, which is not provided on Checkmarq; and,
- Whereas: The closure of the D2L courses after the end of finals was initially due to students overloading the software; however, with recent software updates and further technological advancements this is no longer an issue; and,
- Whereas: Eleven of our fellow Jesuit institutions currently allow students to access their courses for at least ten days after the semester has ended¹.
- Therefore: Let it be recommended that the software for D2L is amended to allow students to access their courses for a minimum of two weeks after final exams.

¹ Based on research provided by Assistant Vice Provost for Educational Technology of Instructional Media Center, Jon Pray