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A RESOLUTION TO: Recommend that the Differing Colleges, Departments, and Classes at Grand Valley State University Put Their Syllabi Online

Recognizing, that the syllabus of a class is the foundation of that class;

Whereas, a syllabus includes grading structure, books required for the class, and the schedule for the class;

Whereas, this resolution would allow students to make more informed decisions about their finances and extracurricular commitments when deciding which classes to take;

Recognizing, that different sections of different classes can and will be different based on the instructor;

Recognizing, that having syllabi online is a useful way for students to research a class before signing up for it;

Recognizing, the GVSU Psychology Department has all of their syllabi online for students to look at any time;¹

Whereas, The Psychology Department has seen great success with students utilizing this resource, with almost all students saying that it was helpful upon exit survey;

Recognizing, that the advisors of the GVSU Psychology Department will tell students to use this online resource before selecting their classes for the year;

Recognizing, implementation was not difficult for the GVSU Psychology Department, as they just created a syllabus section on their website;

Recognizing, that the syllabi for classes are ever-changing;

¹ <https://www.gvsu.edu/psychology/syllabus-archive-244.htm>

Realizing, that even if a syllabus does change, the past syllabus would be online and a student could use it to see what the content and requirements are for a class;

Realizing, that some professors may be working on syllabi up until the first day of class;

Recommending, that department chairs/syllabi coordinators request syllabi two weeks before classes start;

Realizing, that a lack of current information on class content can negatively impact a student's perspective on what a class might be;

Recommending, that a college, department, or class put syllabi online for three years, including the current academic year;

Whereas, this would allow students to look at past syllabi for the classes they want to take, even if the current syllabus is not yet finished;

Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley Student Senate recommends that the different colleges, departments, and classes at Grand Valley State University put their syllabi online.